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## USE OF LEUKOTRIENE ANTAGONISTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative disorder of the human brain. Clinically, it appears as a progressive dementia. Its histopathology is characterized by degeneration of neurons, gliosis, and the abnormal deposition of proteins in the brain. Pathological hallmarks include neurofibrillary tangles (paired helical filaments) and amyloid deposits within the parenchyma and cerebral vasculature.

While there is no general agreement as to the chemical nature of neurofibrillary tangles, the major constituent of both the amyloid plaque cores and the amyloid of the congophilic angiopathy has been shown to be a 4500 Dalton protein originally termed  $\beta$ -protein or amyloid A4. Throughout this document this protein is referred to as  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide or protein.

$\beta$ -amyloid peptide is proteolytically derived from a transmembrane protein, the amyloid precursor protein. Different splice forms of the amyloid precursor protein are encoded by a widely expressed gene. see, e.g., K. Beyreuther and B. Müller-Hill, *Annual Reviews in Biochemistry*, 58:287-307 (1989).  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide consists, in its longest forms, of 42 or 43 amino acid residues. J. Kang, et al., *Nature (London)*, 325:733-736 (1987). These peptides, however, vary as to their amino-termini. C. Hilbich, et al., *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 218:149-163 (1991).

Because senile plaques are invariably surrounded by dystrophic neurites, it was proposed early that  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide is involved in the loss of neuronal cells that occurs in Alzheimer's disease. B. Yankner and co-workers were the first to demonstrate that synthetic  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide could be neurotoxic in vitro and in vivo. B.A. Yankner, et al., *Science*, 245:417 (1989); See, also, N.W. Kowall, et al., *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A.*, 88:7247 (1991). Other research groups, however, were unable to consistently demonstrate direct toxicity with  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide. See, e.g., *Neurobiology of Aging*, 13:535 (K. Kosik and P. Coleman, eds. 1992). Even groups receiving  $\beta$ -amyloid peptide

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from a common source demonstrate conflicting results. D. Price, et al., Neurobiology of Aging, 13:623-625 (1991)(and the references cited therein).

5 Because of the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's disease there continues to exist a need for effective treatments. This invention provides methods for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease in mammals.

Recent studies have begun to indicate that a major component of the pathology of Alzheimer's disease is chronic inflammation. See, J. Schnabel, Science, 260:1719-1720 (1993); P. Eikelenboom, et al., Trends in Pharmacological Sciences, 15:447-450 (1994); P. Aisen and K.L. Davis, American Journal of Psychiatry, 15:1-8 (1994). Indeed, pathological investigations have demonstrated the presence of glial hyperactivity, acute phase proteins, and complement factors within affected areas of the brains of persons affected with Alzheimer's disease. P. McGeer and J. Rogers, Neurology, 43:447-449 (1992); J. Rogers, et al., Neurology, 44:1609-1611 (1993); J. Breitner, et al., Neurology, 44:227-232 (1994). Administration of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs appears to slow the advance of Alzheimer's disease. Schnabel, supra. United States Patent 5,478,857, issued December 26, 1995, describes the use of inhibitors of phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> to treat Alzheimer's disease. Understanding this inflammatory component of Alzheimer's disease, therefore, will lead to advances in novel methods of treating patients suffering from this disease.

25 Research in the area of allergic reactions of the lung has provided evidence that arachidonic acid derivatives formed by the action of lipoxygenases are related to various disease states. Some of these arachidonic acid metabolites have been classified as members of a family of eicosatetraenoic acids termed leukotrienes. Three of these substances are currently thought to be major components of what has been previously called slow reacting substance of anaphylaxis (SRS-A) and have been designated leukotrienes C<sub>4</sub>, D<sub>4</sub>, and E<sub>4</sub> (LTC<sub>4</sub>, LTD<sub>4</sub>, and LTE<sub>4</sub>, respectively).

35 Another arachidonic acid metabolite, leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (LTB<sub>4</sub>), is a proinflammatory lipid which has been implicated in the pathogenesis of psoriasis, arthritis, chronic lung diseases, acute respiratory distress



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syndrome, shock, asthma, inflammatory bowel diseases, and other inflammatory states characterized by the infiltration and activation of polymorphonuclear leukocytes and other proinflammatory cells. Thus activated, the polymorphonuclear leukocytes liberate tissue-degrading enzymes and reactive chemicals causing the inflammation.

5 Antagonism of LTB<sub>4</sub> should therefore provide a novel therapeutic approach to treatment of these conditions. Activated microglial cells are the central nervous system analogues of systemic proinflammatory cells. Activated microglial cells surround Alzheimer's disease senile

10 plaques and a wide variety of acute phase reactant proteins and mediators of inflammatory processes are closely associated with Alzheimer's disease senile plaques. P. Eikelenboom, et al., supra.

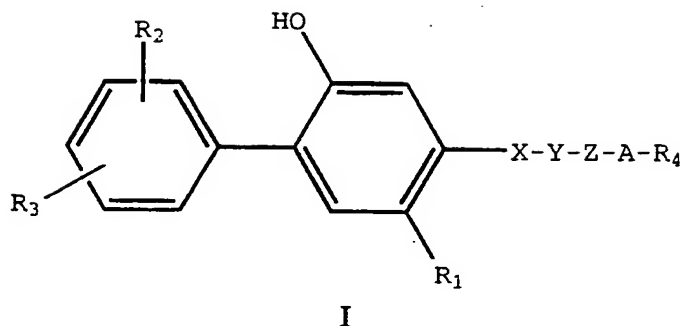
Because of the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's disease there continues to exist a need for effective treatments. This invention provides methods for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease in mammals. It is the object of this invention to provide novel chemical agents which are selective leukotriene antagonists that can be used therapeutically in the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's disease.

20 This invention provides methods for the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's disease which comprise administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound having activity as a leukotriene antagonist.

25 In one embodiment this invention provides methods for the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's disease which comprise administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a leukotriene antagonist of Formula I

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wherein:

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R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)thio, halo, or R<sub>2</sub>-substitutedphenyl;

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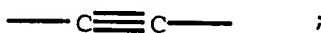
each R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are each independently hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-S(O)<sub>q</sub>-, trifluoromethyl, or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl) amino;

X is -O-, -S-, -C(=O), or -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

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Y is -O- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

or when taken together, -X-Y- is -CH=CH- or



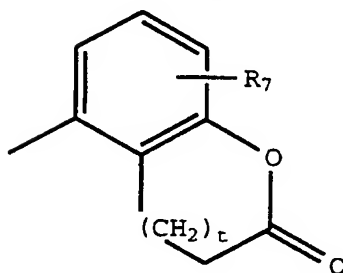
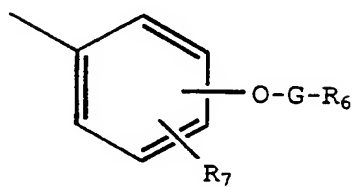
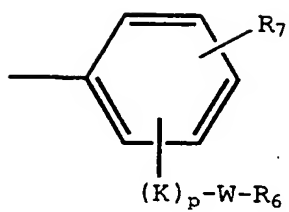
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Z is a straight or branched chain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylidenyl;

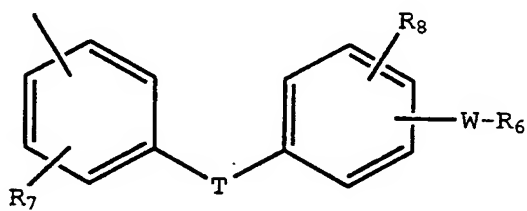
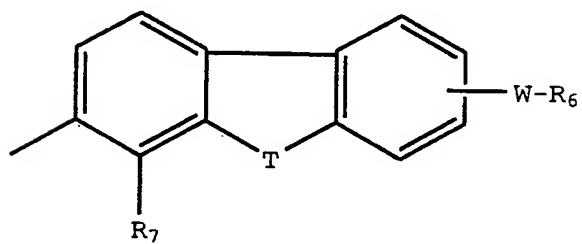
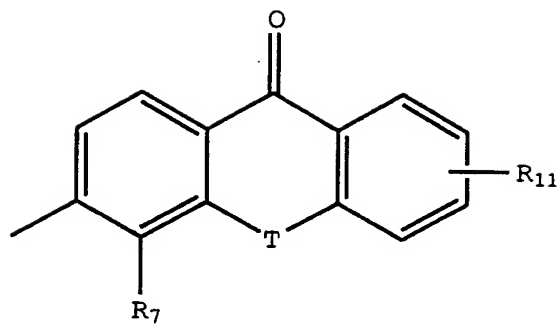
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A is a bond, -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, or CR<sub>a</sub>R<sub>b</sub>-, where R<sub>a</sub> and R<sub>b</sub> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, or R<sub>7</sub>-substituted phenyl, or when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl ring;

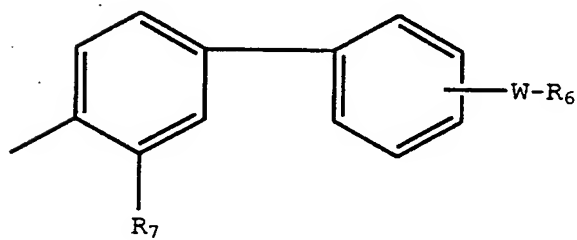
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 $R_4$  is  $R_6$ 

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or



where,

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each  $R_5$  is independently hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

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each R<sub>6</sub> is independently -COOH, 5-tetrazolyl, -CON(R<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, or -CONHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub>;

5 each R<sub>7</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl, benzyl, methoxy, -W-R<sub>6</sub>, -T-G-R<sub>6</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-T-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidenyl)-O-, or hydroxy;

10 R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen or halo;

each R<sub>9</sub> is independently hydrogen, phenyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, or when taken together with the nitrogen atom form a morpholino, piperidino, piperazino, or pyrrolidino group;

15 R<sub>10</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or phenyl;

R<sub>11</sub> is R<sub>2</sub>, -W-R<sub>6</sub>, or -T-G-R<sub>6</sub>;

20 each W is a bond or straight or branched chain divalent hydrocarbyl radical of one to eight carbon atoms;

each G is a straight or branched chain divalent hydrocarbyl radical of one to eight carbon atoms;

25 each T is a bond, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NH-, -NHCO-, -C(=O)-, or -S(O)<sub>q</sub>-;

K is -C(=O)- or -CH(OH)-;

30 each q is independently 0, 1, or 2;

p is 0 or 1; and

t is 0 or 1;

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provided when X is -O- or -S-, Y is not -O-;

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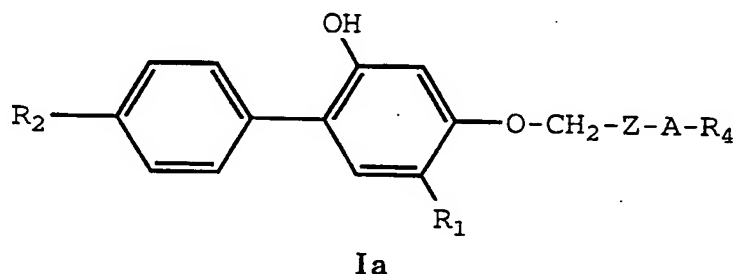
provided when A is -O- or -S-, R<sub>4</sub> is not R<sub>6</sub>;

provided when A is -O- or -S- and Z is a bond, Y is not -O-;  
and

and provided W is not a bond when p is 0;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

The present invention relates to methods of treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease which comprise administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a leukotriene antagonist. In a preferred embodiment this invention employs leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> antagonists. A most preferred group of compounds employed in the methods of the present invention are those compounds of Formula Ia:



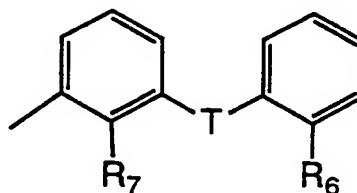
and pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts thereof. Especially preferred are those compounds wherein R<sub>2</sub> is halo, particularly fluoro. Preferred R<sub>1</sub> substituents are propyl and especially ethyl.

Preferred Z substituents include C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidene, particularly -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- and -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-. Preferred A groups include -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH(R<sub>7</sub>-substituted phenyl)-, and -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-. Preferred R<sub>4</sub> groups include -COOH, 5-tetrazolyl, or a mono-, di-, or tri-cyclic group as drawn above wherein there is at least one acidic group attached to a ring, such as -W-COOH, -T-G-COOH, or the corresponding tetrazole derivatives. The preferred W moiety is that of a bond or straight

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chain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidene; preferred G moieties are straight chain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidene. It is preferred that R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, especially n-propyl.

Particularly preferred groups are those wherein A is  
 5 -CH(R<sub>7</sub>-substitutedphenyl)- and R<sub>4</sub> is -COOH or 5-tetrazolyl. Also preferred are those compounds wherein A is -O- and R<sub>4</sub> is



10 Preferred aspects of this substructure are those therein R<sub>7</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, especially n-propyl, and R<sub>6</sub> is -W-COOH. Particularly preferred are those compounds wherein T is -O- or -S- and W is a bond.

The following definitions refer to the various terms used throughout this disclosure. The term "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl" refers to the straight  
 15 and branched aliphatic radicals of 1 to 6 carbon atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, hexyl, and the like. Included within this definition are the terms "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl", "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl" and "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl". The term "C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl" refers to straight and branched aliphatic radicals of 2 to 5  
 20 carbon atoms containing one double bond, such as -CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, and the like. The term "C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl" refers to straight and branched aliphatic residues of 2 to 5 carbon atoms containing one triple bond, such as -C≡CH, -CH<sub>2</sub>-C≡CH, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C≡CH, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)C≡CH,  
 25 -CH<sub>2</sub>C≡CCH<sub>3</sub>, and the like. The term "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy" refers to methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, sec-butoxy, and tert-butoxy. The term "halo" refers to fluoro, chloro, bromo, and iodo.

The term "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylidene" or "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylidenyl" refers to a divalent radical derived from a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkane such as -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
 30 -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-, -CH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>-, .

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- CH<sub>2</sub>CH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)-, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
-CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
5 -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>-, and the like. Included within this definition are the terms "C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidene" and "C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidene".

The term "C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl" refers to a cycloalkyl ring of four to eight carbon atoms, such as cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, 4,4-dimethylcyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, and the like.

- 10 The term "straight or branched chain divalent hydrocarbyl residue of one to eight carbon atoms" refers to a divalent radical derived from a straight or branched alkane, alkene, or alkyne of one to eight carbon atoms. Depending upon the branching and number of carbon atoms, as will be appreciated by organic chemists, such a moiety can  
15 contain one, two or three double or triple bonds, or combinations of both. As such, this term can be considered an alkylidene group as defined above containing from 1 to 8 carbon atoms optionally containing one to three double or triple bonds, or combinations of the two, limited as noted in the preceding sentence.

- 20 This invention includes the pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts of the compounds of Formula I. Such salts include those derived from inorganic bases, such as ammonium and alkali and alkaline earth metal hydroxides, carbonates, bicarbonates, and the like, as well as salts derived from basic organic amines, such as aliphatic  
25 and aromatic amines, aliphatic diamines, hydroxy alkylamines, and the like. Such bases useful in preparing the salts of this invention thus include ammonium hydroxide, potassium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, calcium hydroxide, methyl amine, diethyl amine, ethylene diamine, cyclohexylamine, ethanolamine, and the like. The potassium  
30 and sodium salt forms are particularly preferred. This invention includes both mono-salt forms, ie, a 1:1 ratio of a compound of Formula I with a base as previously described, as well as di-salt forms in those instances where a compound of Formula I has two acidic groups. In addition, this invention includes any solvate forms of the compounds of

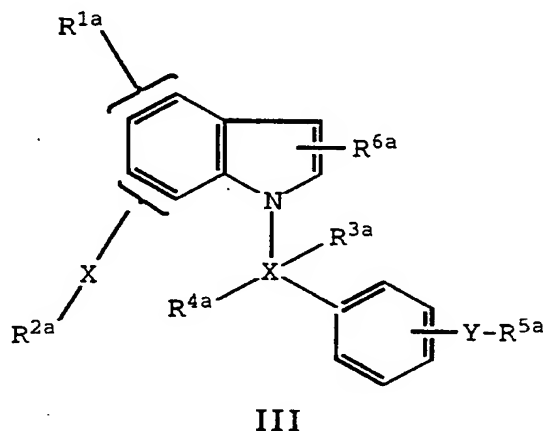


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Formula I or salts thereof, such as ethanol solvates, hydrates, and the like.

It is recognized that in compounds having branched alkyl, alkylidenyl, or hydrocarbyl functionality, and in those compounds bearing double or triple bonds, various stereoisomeric products may exist. This invention is not limited to any particular stereoisomer but includes all possible individual isomers and mixtures thereof. The term "5-tetrazolyl" refers to both tautomers, ie, (1H)-5-tetrazolyl and (2H)-5-tetrazolyl.

Leukotriene antagonists may be prepared by a number of different ways. The particular leukotriene subtype being antagonized will determine, in great part, the type of compounds employed. For example, preferred leukotriene D<sub>4</sub> antagonists which may be employed in the methods of the present invention are those of Formula III



wherein:

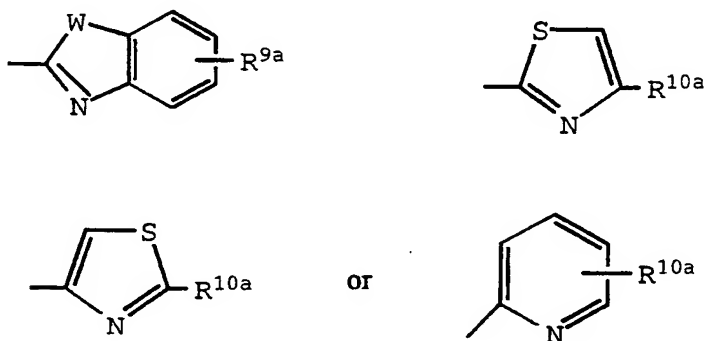
R<sup>1a</sup> is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitrile, optionally protected carboxy, optionally protected tetrazolyl, trihalomethyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, aldehydo, -CH<sub>2</sub>Z, -CH=CH-Z or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Z, where Z is optionally protected carboxy or optionally protected tetrazolyl;

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$R^{2a}$  is tetrazolyl, halo, nitrile, an optionally protected acid group,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy-carbonyl, or  $-CONR^{7a}R^{8a}$  where  $R^{7a}$  and  $R^{8a}$  are each hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

5  $R^{3a}$  and  $R^{4a}$  are each hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl substituted by  $-CONR^{7a}R^{8a}$  or an optionally protected acid group;

10  $R^{5a}$  is selected from the following four formulae:



15 where W is  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{CH}=\text{N}-$ ,  $-\text{N}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{O}-$  or  $-\text{S}-$ ,  $R^{9a}$  is hydrogen, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy or trihalomethyl, and  $R^{10a}$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl- $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl;  $R^{6a}$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

20 each X is independently selected from,  $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{11a}\text{R}^{12a}$ ,  $-\text{S}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{11a}\text{R}^{12a}$ ,  $-\text{CR}^{11a}\text{R}^{12a}$ ,  $-\text{CR}^{11a}\text{R}^{12a}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{13a}\text{R}^{14a}$  or  $-\text{CR}^{11a}=\text{CR}^{12a}$ , where  $R^{11a}$ ,  $R^{12a}$ ,  $R^{13a}$  and  $R^{14a}$  are each hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

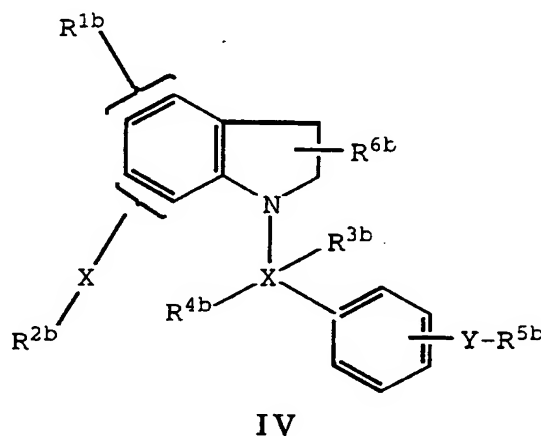
25 n is 0, 1 or 2; and

Y is  $-\text{O}-\text{CR}^{15a}\text{R}^{16a}$ ,  $-\text{S}-\text{CR}^{15a}\text{R}^{16a}$ ,  $-\text{CR}^{15a}=\text{CR}^{16a}$  or  $-\text{CR}^{15a}\text{R}^{16a}-\text{CR}^{17a}\text{R}^{18a}$ , where  $R^{15a}$ ,  $R^{16a}$ ,  $R^{17a}$  and  $R^{18a}$  are each hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. These compounds are prepared as described in United States Patent 5,281,593, issued January 25, 1994, the entire contents of which are herein incorporated by  
 5 reference.

Another preferred group of leukotriene D<sub>4</sub> antagonists are those of Formula IV

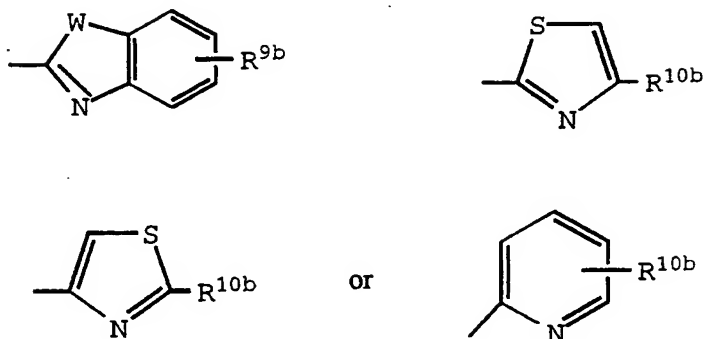


wherein:

- 15 R<sup>1b</sup> is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitrile, optionally protected carboxy, optionally protected tetrazolyl, trihalomethyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, aldehydo, -CH<sub>2</sub>Z, -CH=CH-Z or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Z, where Z is optionally protected carboxy or optionally protected tetrazolyl;
- 20 R<sup>2b</sup> is tetrazolyl, halo, nitrile, an optionally protected acid group, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl, or -CONR<sup>7b</sup>R<sup>8b</sup> where R<sup>7b</sup> and R<sup>8b</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;
- 25 R<sup>3b</sup> and R<sup>4b</sup> are each hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted by -CONR<sup>7b</sup>R<sup>8b</sup> or an optionally protected acid group;

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R<sup>5b</sup> is selected from the following four formulae:



where W is -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=CH-, -O- or -S-, R<sup>9b</sup> is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy or trihalomethyl, and R<sup>10b</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl; R<sup>6b</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

each X is independently selected from, -O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CR<sup>11b</sup>R<sup>12b</sup>-, -S-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CR<sup>11b</sup>R<sup>12b</sup>-, -CR<sup>11b</sup>R<sup>12b</sup>-, -CR<sup>11b</sup>R<sup>12b</sup>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CR<sup>13b</sup>R<sup>14b</sup>- or -CR<sup>11b</sup>=CR<sup>12b</sup>-, where R<sup>11b</sup>, R<sup>12b</sup>, R<sup>13b</sup>, and R<sup>14b</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

n is 0, 1 or 2; and

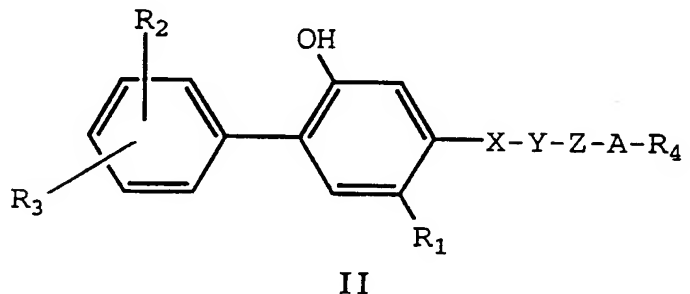
Y is -O-CR<sup>15b</sup>R<sup>16b</sup>-, -S-CR<sup>15b</sup>R<sup>16b</sup>-, -CR<sup>15b</sup>=CR<sup>16b</sup>- or -CR<sup>15b</sup>R<sup>16b</sup>-CR<sup>17b</sup>R<sup>18b</sup>-, where R<sup>15b</sup>, R<sup>16b</sup>, R<sup>17b</sup> and R<sup>18b</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. These compounds are prepared as described in co-pending United States Patent application 08/166,489, filed December 14, 1993.

The most preferred leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (LTB<sub>4</sub>) antagonists employed in the methods of the present invention may be synthesized essentially as described in European Patent Publication 544,488,

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published June 2, 1993. Essentially, the compounds of Formula I may be prepared through an intermediate of Formula II



wherein:

10  $R_1$  is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)thio, halo, or R<sub>2</sub>-substitutedphenyl;

each R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are each independently hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-S(O)<sub>q</sub>-, trifluoromethyl, or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)amino;

15 X is -O-, -S-, -C(=O)-, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

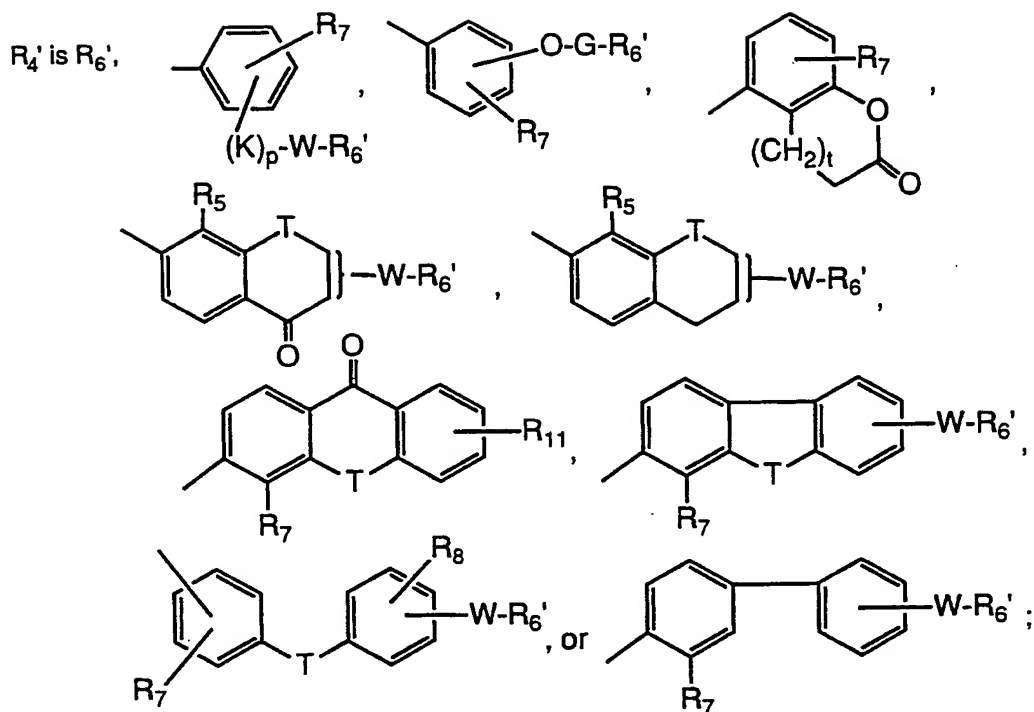
Y is -O- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

or when taken together, -X-Y- is -CH=CH- or -C≡C-;

Z is a bond or straight or branched chain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylidenyl;

20 A is a bond, -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, or -CR<sub>a</sub>R<sub>b</sub>-, where R<sub>a</sub> and R<sub>b</sub> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, or R<sub>7</sub>-substitutedphenyl, or when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl ring;

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where

each  $R_5$  is independently hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

each  $R_6'$  is independently -COOH, 5-tetrazolyl, -CON( $R_9$ )<sub>2</sub>,  
 5 -CONHSO<sub>2</sub> $R_{10}$ , -COOR, or -CN;

each  $R_7$  is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl, benzyl, methoxy, -W- $R_6'$ , -T-G- $R_6'$ , (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-T-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidenyl)-O-, or hydroxy;

$R_8$  is hydrogen or halo;

10 each  $R_9$  is independently hydrogen, phenyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, or when taken together with the nitrogen atom form a morpholino, piperidino, piperazino, or pyrrolidino group;

$R_{10}$  is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or phenyl;

$R_{11}$  is  $R_2$ , -W- $R_6'$ , or -T-G- $R_6'$ ;

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R is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

each W is a bond or a straight or branched chain divalent hydrocarbyl residue of one to eight carbon atoms;

5 each G is a straight or branched chain divalent hydrocarbyl residue of one to eight carbon atoms;

each T is a bond, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NH-, -NHCO-, -C(=O)-, or -S(O)<sub>q</sub>-;

K is -C(=O)- or -CH(OH)-;

each q is independently 0, 1, or 2;

p is 0 or 1; and

10 t is 0 or 1;

provided when X is -O- or -S-, Y may not be -O-;

provided Z and A may not both be a bond when Y is -O-;

provided when A is -O- or -S-, R<sub>4</sub>' may not be R<sub>6</sub>';

provided when A is -O- or -S- and Z is a bond, Y may not be -O-;

15 provided W may not be a bond when p is 0;

and provided that at least one R<sub>6</sub>' must be -COOR or -CN.

The compounds of this invention may be prepared according to standard methods known in the art. For example, the  
20 tetrazole compounds of Formula I (wherein at least one R<sub>6</sub> is 5-tetrazolyl) may be prepared from the corresponding intermediate II wherein the corresponding R<sub>6</sub>' group is nitrile by any of a variety of standard methods. Generally, the nitrile is reacted with an azide reagent in a non-reactive solvent. Preferred conditions include the use  
25 of lithium or ammonium azide in dimethylformamide, sodium azide in diglyme and N,N-dimethylethanolamine hydrochloride, or tri-n-butyltin azide in a non-reactive solvent such as dimethoxyethane or

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tetrahydrofuran. Under the latter conditions, the reaction is generally heated at or near the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture. The transformation is generally complete under these conditions in 2-3 days. Other operable reaction conditions include the reaction of nitrile II with  
5 an alkali metal azide such as sodium azide, ammonium chloride, and (optionally) lithium chloride in a non-reactive high-boiling solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), preferably at temperatures from about 60°C. to about 125°C. Alternatively, tri-n-butyltin azide or tetramethylguanidinium azide, in a solvent such as tetrahydrofuran,  
10 dimethoxyethane, diethoxyethane, or the like, may be used in place of the alkali metal azide, ammonium chloride, lithium chloride and DMF.

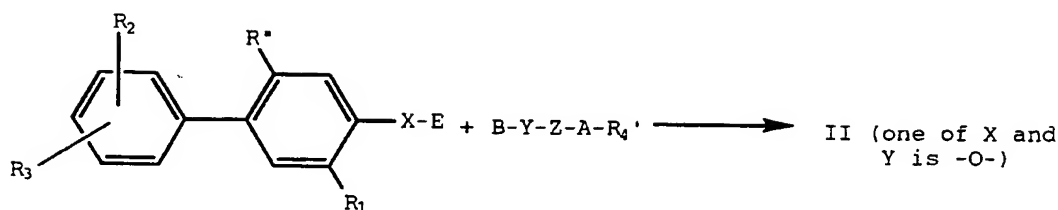
Similarly, the acids of this invention (Formula I wherein at least one R<sub>6</sub> is -COOH) are prepared from the corresponding intermediates II wherein the corresponding R<sub>6</sub>' group is -COOR or -CN.  
15 Hydrolysis of such esters or nitriles may be accomplished by any of a variety of acidic or basic conditions, preferably under aqueous conditions. Preferred methods involve the use of lithium hydroxide in a solvent mixture of acetone/water, sodium hydroxide in dioxane, or potassium hydroxide or potassium carbonate in a mixture of  
20 methanol/water. Under the former conditions, hydrolysis is generally complete in about 12-18 hours at temperatures from about 20-30°C whereas the latter reaction is usually complete in one hour at 20-30°C.

It is generally preferred, in compounds containing both a nitrile and an ester functionality, that the nitrile group be transformed  
25 into a tetrazole before hydrolysis of the ester.

The intermediates of Formula II can be prepared by a number of synthetic routes as will be appreciated by skilled artisans depending upon the particular compound desired. For compounds wherein one of X and Y is -O-, the following scheme is generally  
30 applicable:



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Scheme I

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where one of -X-E and -Z-B is -OH and the other is -CH<sub>2</sub>-L, where L is a good leaving group such as halo, especially chloro, bromo or iodo, and R'' is hydroxy or preferably a protected hydroxy group, such as benzyloxy.

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The reaction of Scheme I is usually performed employing equimolar amounts of the two reactants although ratios other than equimolar amounts are completely operative. The reaction is best carried out in a nonreactive solvent such as ketones, especially acetone or methyl ethyl ketone, or dimethylformamide, and in the presence of a base, preferably an alkali metal hydride or carbonate, preferably potassium carbonate. Especially when L is chloro, a catalyst such as potassium or sodium iodide may be added to increase the reaction rate. The reaction may be carried out at temperatures of about ambient temperature up to the boiling point of the reaction mixture, the former being preferred.

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In the preferred case where the hydroxy group has been protected, the protecting group is removed following the coupling procedure described above. As will be appreciated by skilled artisans in the field, the means for deprotecting the hydroxy group will depend upon the choice of protecting group employed. In the preferred situation where a benzyl group is used, the benzyl group is removed by catalytic hydrogenation, for example, in the presence of 10% palladium on carbon in ethyl acetate, to provide the desired phenol. Generally this step is carried out before converting R<sub>4</sub>' into R<sub>4</sub>; however, as will be appreciated, it is possible this sequence can be reversed depending on the functional groups involved. Thus, coupling as noted above may, under certain circumstances well appreciated in the art, first involve

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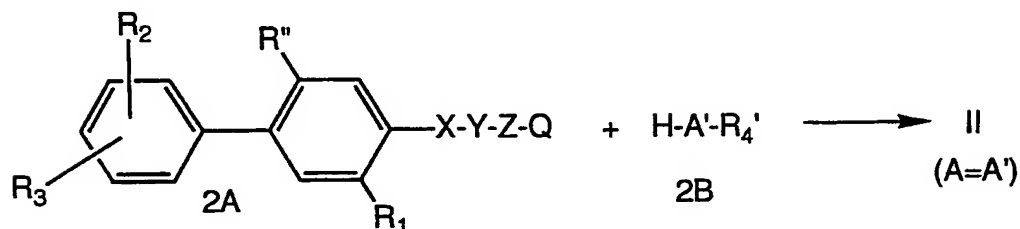
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transformation of the  $R_4'$  group (eg, nitrile) into  $R_4$  (eg, 5-tetrazolyl) followed by deprotection of the phenol.

A similar series of reactions is found in Scheme II:

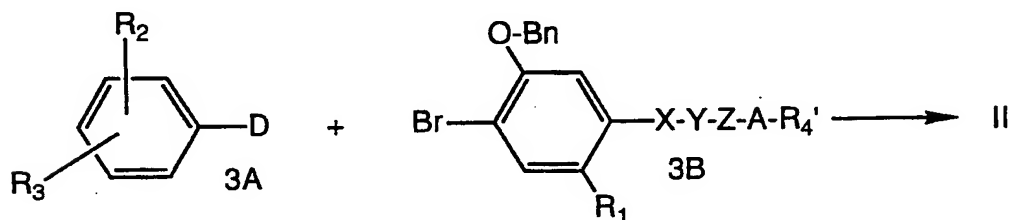
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Scheme II

where Q is bromo, chloro, iodo, mesyl, tosyl, or a similar leaving group, and A' is -O- or -S-. Aspects of this reaction scheme and all the variations thereof are generally the same as discussed above regarding Scheme I.

Another way of preparing intermediates II is found in Scheme III:

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Scheme III

wherein D is  $B(OH)_2$ , Br, or Cl and Bn is benzyl or a related protecting group.

In the above scheme, an intermediate phenyl bromide (3A, D=Br) can be converted to the corresponding boronic acid (3A, D= $B(OH)_2$ ) by a number of routes. In one method, the phenyl bromide is treated first with an alkyllithium reagents, such as t-butyl lithium in a non-reactive solvent, followed by reaction with a tri-alkyl borate, such as triisopropyl borate, and hydrolysis with aqueous acid, such as dilute hydrochloric acid. Alternatively, the lithium derivative (3A, D=Li) can be first reacted

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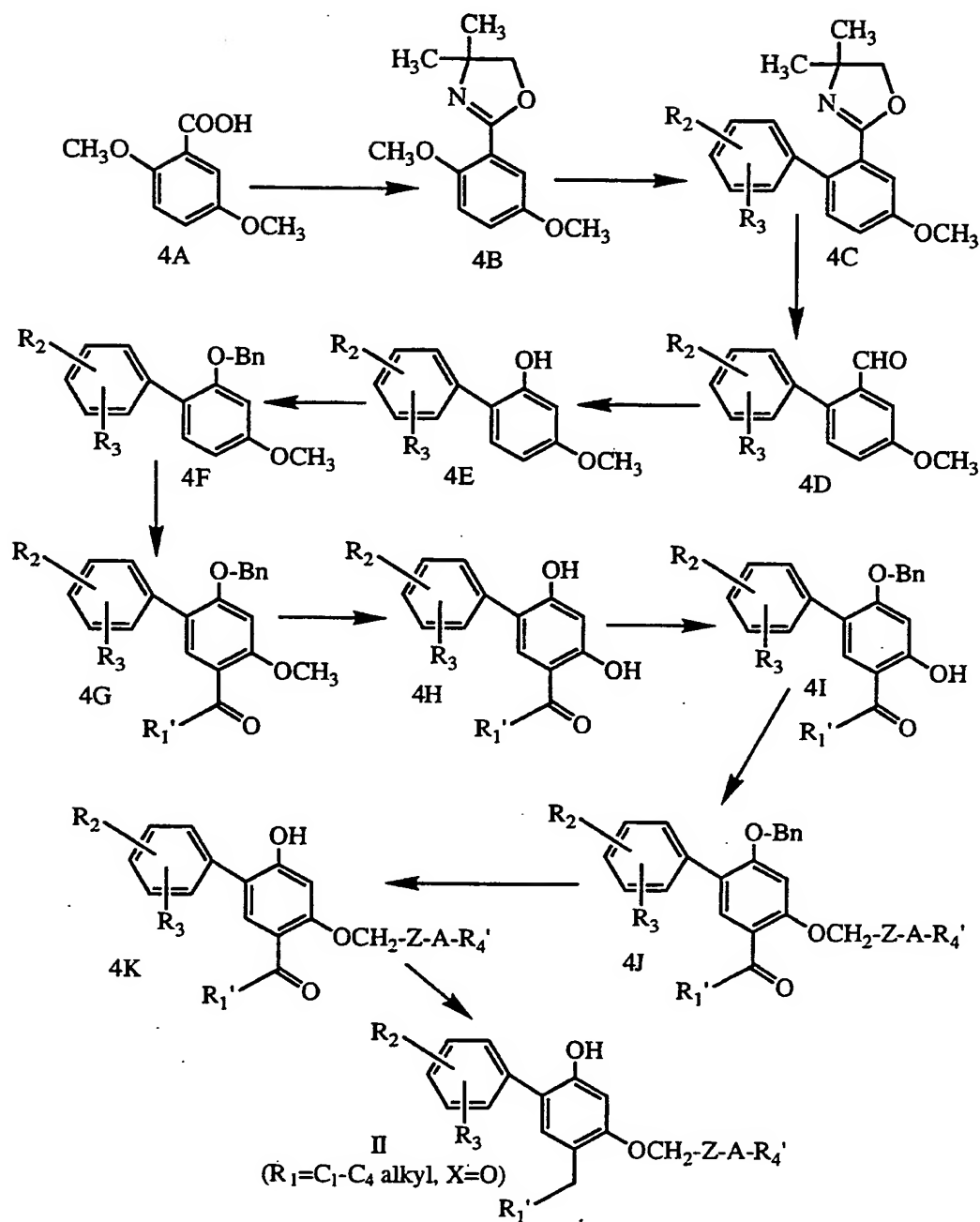
with a silylating reagent, such as trimethylsilyl chloride, to produce an intermediate wherein D is trimethylsilyl; reaction of this intermediate with boron tribromide, followed sequentially with treatment by methanol and aqueous acid similarly produces the desired phenylboronic acid (3A, D=B(OH)<sub>2</sub>).

5 The biaryl coupling reaction described by the above scheme can then be performed by reacting substantially equimolar amounts of the phenyl borate (3A, D=B(OH)<sub>2</sub>) with the phenyl bromide 3B in the presence of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)-palladium(0) and aqueous  
10 sodium carbonate in a mixture of ethanol and benzene. When allowed to react at elevated temperatures, such as the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture, the reaction is generally complete in 2-18 hours.

Another method of performing the biaryl coupling can be accomplished by reacting one of the two phenyl bromide intermediates  
15 3A or 3B with tert-butyl lithium in a non-reactive solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, followed by treatment with zinc chloride to prepare the corresponding intermediate where the bromo functionality has been converted into a -ZnCl group. This reagent is then reacted with the other bromo (or chloro) intermediate in the presence of  
20 tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) to provide the desired product II.

Other variations and combinations of chemical reactions can also be employed to prepare the compounds of this invention. For example, one series of reactions is depicted in Scheme IV; this sequence is drawn  
25 for those compounds wherein X is -O-, but as will be appreciated by skilled organic chemists, similar transformations would apply to other variants of X:

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Scheme IV

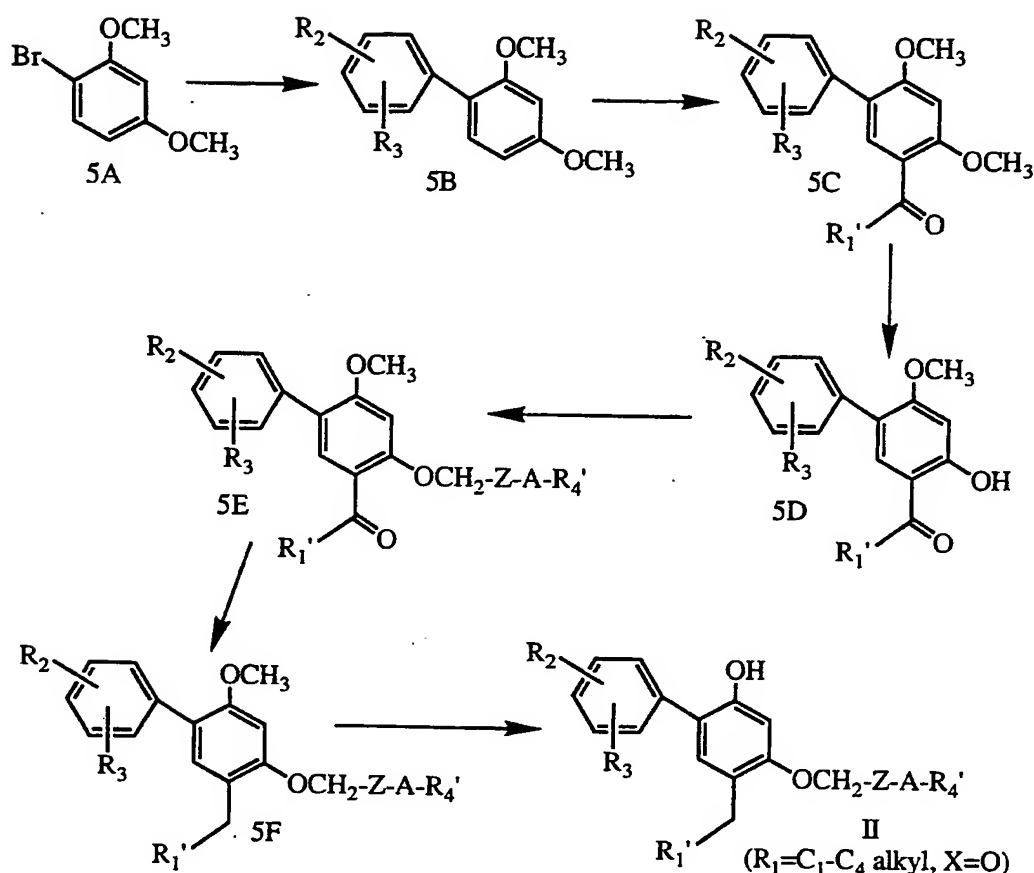
- 5 where R<sub>1</sub>' is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl and Bn is benzyl or a similar phenol protecting group.

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In Scheme IV, 2,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid (4A) is first converted to the corresponding acid halide, for example, the acid chloride upon treatment with thionyl chloride in methylene chloride, which is then allowed to react with 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol. Subsequent  
5 treatment with, eg, thionyl chloride, completes the protection of the carboxylic acid as the 5,5-dimethyl-2-oxazoline 4B. Treatment of this intermediate with the appropriate substituted phenyl Grignard reagent in a solvent such as tetrahydrofuran provides the biphenyl intermediate 4C. The oxazoline is transformed into the corresponding aldehyde 4D  
10 upon sequential treatment with methyl iodide, sodium borohydride in ethanol, and hydrochloric acid in a solvent such as tetrahydrofuran. Treatment of 4D with an oxidizing agent such as meta-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in methylene chloride yields phenol 4E. The phenol is protected with a benzyl or similar protecting group upon treatment with benzyl  
15 bromide (or like reagent) in a solvent such as dimethylformamide and in the presence of an acid scavenger such as potassium carbonate. The resulting intermediate 4F is then acylated with  $R_1'$ -COCl or a similar reagent in the presence of a Lewis acid, such as stannic chloride, in a solvent such as methylene chloride; cool temperatures, such as -20° to  
20 0°C, are preferred. The resulting acylated intermediate 4G is then doubly deblocked to diphenol 4H upon treatment with a reagent such as boron trichloride in a solvent such as methylene chloride. The benzyl (or similar protecting) group is replaced in the same manner as described above to provide 4I which is then alkylated as described earlier with  $R_4'$ -  
25 A-Z-CH<sub>2</sub>-L (see Scheme I), especially where L is chloro or iodo, to provide intermediate 4J. The benzyl group is removed by catalytic hydrogenation, for example, in the presence of 10% palladium on carbon in ethyl acetate, to provide phenol 4K. Reduction of the acyl moiety of 4K, for example, upon treatment with triethyl silane and trifluoroacetic acid  
30 in a solvent such as carbon tetrachloride, results in the preparation of the corresponding intermediate II which can then be further transformed as described earlier.

A related sequence is depicted in Scheme V; as before, this sequence is drawn for those compounds wherein X is -O-, but as will be  
35 appreciated by skilled organic chemists, similar transformations would apply to other variants of X:

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Scheme V

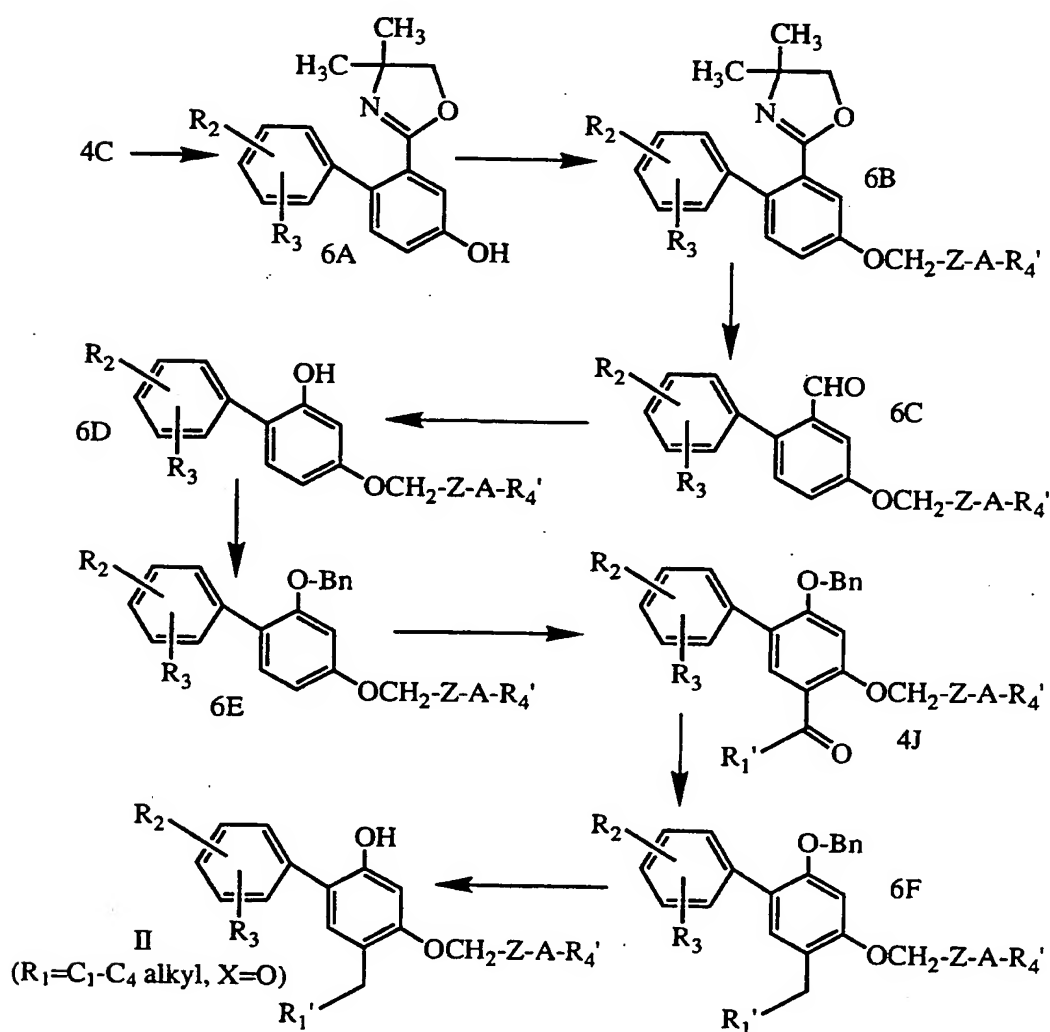
- 5 The dimethoxyphenyl bromide 5A is converted to corresponding biphenyl 5B upon treatment with the appropriate boronic acid under standard conditions. In addition to the standard conditions, the use of a catalyst such as bis(triphenylphosphine)-nickel chloride with the corresponding aryl Grignard reagent in refluxing tetrahydrofuran or
- 10 diethyl ether is an alternative method for effecting this condensation. The biphenyl 5B can then be acylated as described above to prepare 5C, which is then deblocked with boron trichloride as noted above to provide the phenol 5D. In the same manner as described previously, the phenol can be alkylated with  $R_4'-A-Z-CH_2-L$  (see Scheme I), especially where L
- 15 is chloro or iodo, to provide 5E which, in turn, is reduced to give 5F. The demethylation of 5F to give the corresponding phenol II is accomplished by treatment with sodium thioethoxide in dimethylformamide at

elevated temperatures (eg, 90-100°C). Alternatively, the demethylation can be effected by treatment with boron tribromide in a solvent such as methylene chloride.

- 5 A variation of the process of Scheme V is described below in Scheme VI; as before, this sequence is drawn for those compounds wherein X is -O-, but as will be appreciated by skilled organic chemists, similar transformations would apply to other variants of X:

### Scheme VI

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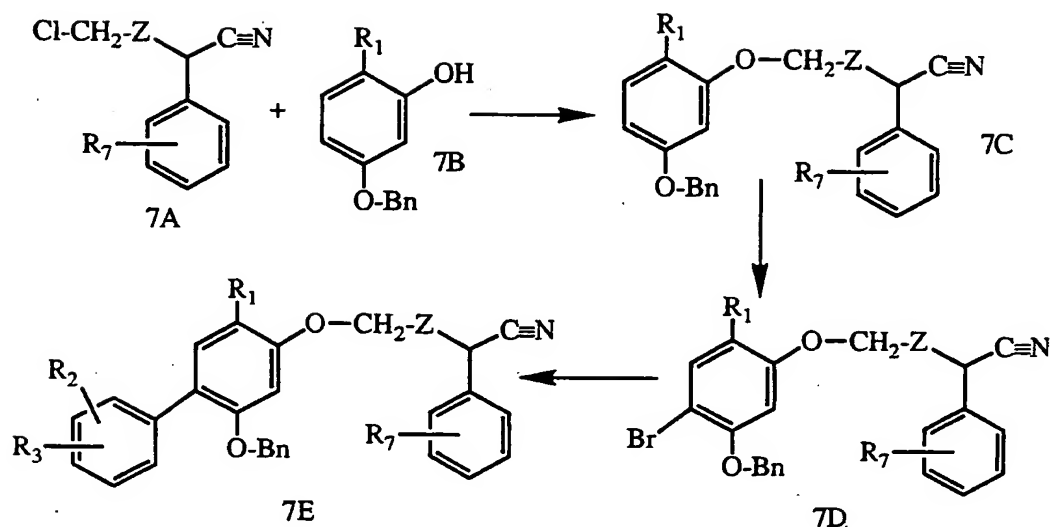
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Intermediate 4C (from Scheme IV) is demethylated with boron tribromide in methylene chloride in a manner analogous to the process of converting 4G to 4H. The resulting phenol 6A has the intact oxazoline protecting group and is alkylated with the appropriate agent  $R_4'$ -A-Z-CH<sub>2</sub>-L (see Scheme I), especially where L is chloro or iodo, in a solvent such as DMF optionally in the presence of an acid scavenger, such as potassium carbonate. The resulting product 6B is then converted to the benzaldehyde 6C as described above for preparing 4D from 4C, oxidized to the corresponding phenol 6D as described above for the transformation of 4D into 4E, converted to the protected phenol 6E with a group such as benzyl as described for the conversion of 4E into 4F, and acylated to give 4J in the same way as provided in the conversion of 4F to 4G. The intermediate 4J can be first deprotected and then reduced as provided by Scheme IV; alternatively, the steps can be reversed - 4J can be reduced to intermediate 6F upon treatment with triethylsilane and trifluoroacetic acid in carbon tetrachloride and then deprotected to give the desired intermediate II.

Another variation of chemical steps is summarized in Scheme VII. Again this sequence is drawn for those compounds wherein X is -O-; in addition, the general Scheme is drawn for compounds wherein  $R_a$  is R<sup>7</sup>-substitutedphenyl,  $R_b$  is hydrogen, and  $R_4'$  is -CN; as will be appreciated by skilled organic chemists, similar transformations would apply to other variants of X,  $R_a$ ,  $R_b$ , and  $R_4'$ .

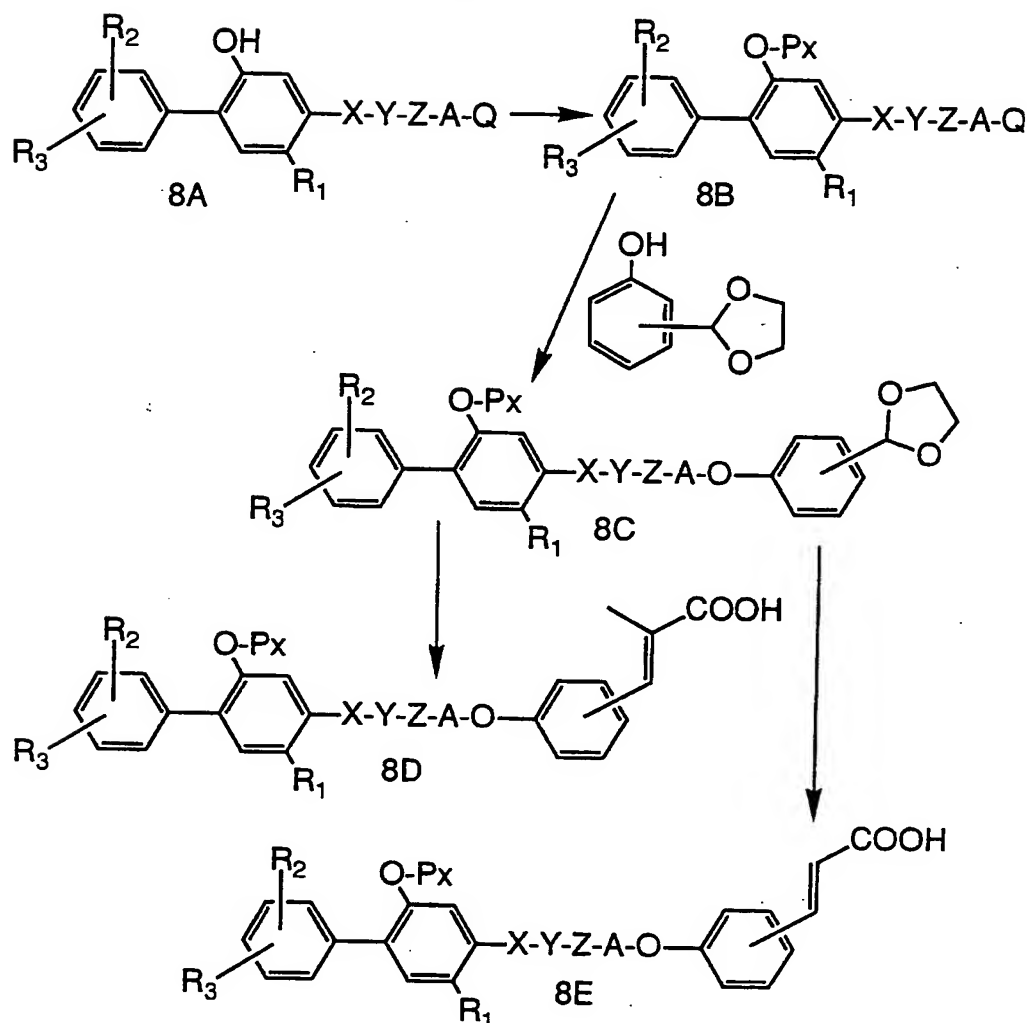


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Scheme VII

- 5        The halo-intermediate 7A is reacted with phenol 7B in the same manner as described above for Scheme I. The resulting product 7C is brominated with an agent such as N-bromo-succinimide in a solvent such as methylene chloride to give the bromo intermediate 7D. This intermediate is then reacted with the appropriate phenyl borate and
- 10       tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)-palladium(0) as described above in Scheme III to give the coupled product 7E. 7E can then be transformed into the intermediates and final products of this invention by methods previously described, ie, hydrolysis, reaction with azide, debenzylation, etc. Variations of this sequence will also be apparent - for example, this
- 15       series of transformations can be accomplished using a 7B reactant wherein the R<sub>1</sub> group is replaced with R<sub>1</sub>'-CO, as shown in Schemes IV, V, and VI; the resulting intermediate 7C or later intermediates 7D or 7E can then be reduced to provide compounds wherein the R<sub>1</sub> group is R<sub>1</sub>'-CH<sub>2</sub>-.
- 20       Another variation employing other precursors to some of the more preferred compounds of this invention is generally represented by Scheme VIII - while two examples of such transformations are displayed employing a phenoxy substrate, it will be appreciated that such chemistry is applicable to other aryl groups and side-chains:

## Scheme VIII



5 where Px is a protecting group.

In Scheme VIII, 8A is a particular embodiment of compound 2A (Scheme II) wherein  $R''$  is -OH. The phenol is protected to give 8B (analogous to 2A wherein  $R''$  is a protected hydroxy group). One preferred protecting group for the subsequent transformations is a trimethylsilylethoxymethyl (SEM) group which can be introduced upon treatment of 8A with SEM chloride in the presence of diisopropylethylamine in a solvent such as methylene chloride. Another useful protecting group is an alkanoyl group, such as acetyl, which can

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simply be introduced upon treatment of 8A with the alkanoyl anhydride (eg, acetic anhydride) in a solvent such as methylene chloride and preferably in the presence of a trialkylamine, such as triethylamine.

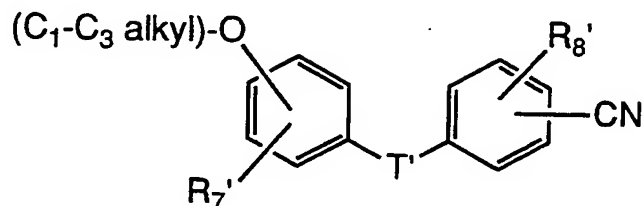
5 The protected intermediate 8B is then reacted with the appropriate precursor intermediate in the same manner as described in Schemes I and II above to give the coupled product 8C. In the illustrative example provided in Scheme VIII, a protected hydroxybenzaldehyde is employed, the aldehyde moiety being protected as a cyclic acetal. In the example of Scheme VIII, in that a phenol is being coupled, Q is preferably a chloro  
10 group which is treated with a catalytic amount of an alkali metal iodide to facilitate reaction.

The resulting intermediate 8C can then be transformed into a functionalized compound of this invention upon treatment with a malonic acid derivative. For example, after treatment of the acetal 8C  
15 with dilute hydrochloric acid and tetrahydrofuran, the treatment of the resulting benzaldehyde with methylmalonic acid in pyridinium hydrochloride and toluene gives the resulting 2-methylpropenoic acid 8D. In the case of an SEM protecting group, deprotection of the phenol with tetrabutylammonium fluoride in tetrahydrofuran gives a final  
20 product of this invention. Similarly, employing malonic acid following hydrolysis of 8C gives the propenoic acid 8E; in the case where the protecting group is an alkanoyl moiety, eg, acetyl, treatment of 8E with potassium carbonate in methanol and water gives the corresponding phenol of this invention.

25 Many of the intermediates for preparing some of the  $R_4$  (or  $R_4'$ ) groups of the more preferred compounds of this invention are known in the art. Many of the  $R_4/R_4'$  groups which are diphenyl ethers, diphenyl thioethers, and diphenylamines, can be prepared by any of a number of synthetic routes - however, one general route employed is that of an  
30 Ullmann synthesis whereby, for example, a phenol is condensed with and iodo- or bromo-benzene in the presence of pyridine, potassium carbonate, and copper bronze to give the corresponding diphenyl ether. Copper(I) iodide and potassium t-butoxide can be employed in place of the copper bronze and potassium carbonate. In general, these reactions  
35 are low yielding and are difficult to work up, especially on a large scale.

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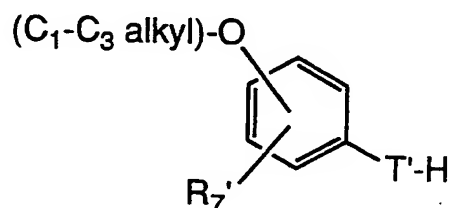
However, a preferred process for preparing intermediate compounds of the formula



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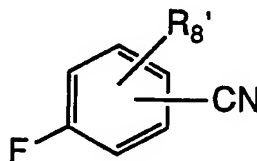
where  $R_7'$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, or halo,  $R_8'$  is hydrogen or halo,  $T'$  is -O-, -S-, or -NH-, and the cyano group is either in the 2- or 4-position on the phenyl ring relative to the point of attachment to  $T'$ , has been discovered. This process generally involves the reaction of a phenol, thiophenol, or aniline of the formula

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where  $R_7'$  and  $T'$  are the same as defined above, with a fluorobenzonitrile of the formula

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where  $R_8'$  and the relative position of the cyano group is the same as defined above, in the presence of a strong base, such as sodium hydride or preferably potassium fluoride on basic aluminium oxide, in an aprotic solvent such as acetonitrile, and preferably in the presence of a catalyst such as tetrabutylammonium bromide or preferably a crown ether such as 18-crown-6. Preferably, relative to the phenol, thiophenol, or aniline, approximately an equimolar amount of the fluorobenzonitrile and an equal weight of the potassium fluoride/aluminum oxide are

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employed together with a catalytic amount (generally 0.1 equivalents) of the catalyst. When heated at about 90°C for 1-3 days, almost quantitative yields of the desired diphenyl ether, diphenyl thioether, or diphenylamine are obtained. This intermediate can be dealkylated to  
5 give the corresponding phenol which can then be coupled as previously described. The cyano group of this intermediate, once coupled, can be hydrolyzed or treated with an azide reagent as previously described to give the corresponding carboxylic acid or tetrazole group.

The intermediate compounds mentioned above, and any other  
10 necessary reagents, are either commercially available, known in the literature, or can be prepared according to methods known in the art as described in further detail below. As will also be appreciated, various intraconversions of the various compounds and intermediates of this invention are possible. For example, carboxylic acids can be esterified by  
15 standard means, or converted to acid halides which are then reacted with amines of the formula  $(R_9)_2NH$  or  $H_2NSO_2R_{10}$  to provide the corresponding amides. Similarly, esters, amides, and nitriles may be hydrolyzed to the carboxylic acid by means as described previously. Nitriles can also be hydrolyzed to the primary amide by treatment with  
20 aqueous base.

In addition, precursors to certain  $R_1$  functionalities can be used in the synthesis either of the various "halves" of the molecule or after the "halves" are coupled (eg, Schemes I and II). For example, in a precursor compound wherein  $R_1$  is alkenyl, the double bond can be  
25 oxidized with a peracid to the corresponding epoxide intermediate which, upon catalytic hydrogenation, can be transformed into a hydroxyalkyl derivative. Reduction of a precursor wherein  $R_1$  is an alkanoyl group also provides a carbinol analog. Hydrogenation of an alkene derivative or further reduction of the carbinol provides a  
30 compound of this invention wherein  $R_1$  is alkyl.

The thio derivatives and intermediates of this invention ( $q$  is 0) may be transformed into the corresponding sulfoxide ( $q$  is 1) compounds upon treatment with a mild oxidizing agent, such as hydrogen peroxide in methanol, meta-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (MCPBA) in methylene  
35 chloride at 0°C., or an alkali metal periodate in aqueous alcohol. The

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corresponding sulfones (q is 2) are prepared from the thio or sulfoxide compounds on treatment with a strong oxidizing agent such as hydrogen peroxide in acetic acid or m-chloroperbenzoic acid in methylene chloride at 20-30°C.

5        In addition, various compounds of Formula I can be prepared from other compounds, precursors, or intermediates of Formula I by standard methods such as hydrolysis, esterification, alkylation, oxidation, reduction, and the like, as are well known to those skilled in the art. The Schemes noted above are illustrative of the more  
10 conventional methods for preparing the compounds of this invention. However, different combinations of these chemical steps and others generally known in the organic chemistry art can effectively be employed; the particular sequence of any such transformations and interconversions will be appreciated by experienced organic chemists in  
15 view of the various functional groups to be present in the compound of choice. For example, a tetrazole group can be protected with a group such as trityl; other chemistry can be performed on the remaining portion of the molecule, and the trityl group removed upon treatment with dilute acid to give the unprotected tetrazole. Other variations of this  
20 and related transformations will be apparent to skilled artisans in this field.

The following preparations and examples further illustrate the preparation of the intermediates and compounds of this invention. The examples are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of  
25 the invention. Melting points were determined on a Thomas-Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were determined on a GE QE-300 spectrometer. All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) relative to tetramethylsilane. Chemical shifts of aromatic protons of quinoline species in DMSO- $d_6$  are concentration dependent.

30 The following abbreviations are used to denote signal patterns: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, b = broad, m = multiplet. Infrared spectra were determined on a Nicolet DX10 FT-IR spectrometer. Mass spectral data were determined on a CEC-21-110 spectrometer using electron impact (EI) conditions, a MAT-731  
35 spectrometer using free desorption (FD) conditions, or a VG ZAB-3F spectrometer using fast atom bombardment (FAB) conditions. Silica gel

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chromatography was performed using ethyl acetate/hexane gradients unless otherwise indicated. Reverse-phase chromatography was performed on MCI CHP20P gel using an acetonitrile/water or methanol/water gradient unless otherwise indicated. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl immediately prior to use. All reactions were conducted under argon atmosphere with stirring unless otherwise noted. Where structures were confirmed by infra-red, proton nuclear magnetic resonance, or mass spectral analysis, the compound is so designated by "IR", "NMR", or "MS", respectively.

#### Preparation 1

##### Methyl 5-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)pentanoate

A mixture of 11 g of resorcinol, 8.8 g of methyl 5-bromopentanoate, and 13.8 g of potassium carbonate in 150 mL of dimethylformamide was heated in an oil bath at 90°C for 24 hours. The mixture was cooled, diluted with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water, washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether providing the title intermediate in 34% yield, NMR.

#### Preparations 2-3

The following compounds were prepared according to the procedure of Preparation 1.

5-(3-Hydroxyphenoxy)pentanenitrile, 42% yield, NMR.

Ethyl 5-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)pentanoate, 55% yield, NMR.

#### Preparation 4

N,N-Dimethyl-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)butanamide

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A mixture of 3.7 g of methyl 4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-pentanoate and 40 mL of 40% dimethylamine in water was stirred for 25 hours. The mixture was acidified with 5N hydrochloric acid and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was washed with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with ethyl ether/methanol to provide 1.62 g (41%) of the title intermediate. NMR

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#### Preparation 5

Ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxycarbonylbutyloxy)phenyl)-propionate

A mixture of 3.1 g of methyl 4-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-pentanoate, 0.7 g of pivalic acid, and 2.4 g of ethyl orthoacrylate in 50 mL of toluene was refluxed for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled and then stirred with 25 mL of 1 N hydrochloric acid for 2 hours. The organic phase was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether providing 1.13 g (25%) of the desired title intermediate. NMR

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#### Preparations 6-10

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The following compounds were prepared according to the procedure of Preparation 5.

Ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-(4-ethoxycarbonylbutyloxy)-phenyl)propionate, 25% yield, NMR.

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Ethyl 3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propionate, 84% yield, NMR.

Ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-(4-cyanobutyloxy)phenyl)-propionate, 17% yield, NMR.

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Ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-(4-dimethylaminocarbonyl-butyloxy)phenyl)propionate, 14% yield, NMR.

5 NMR. Ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-methoxyphenyl)propionate, 30% yield,

### Preparation 11

#### 3-Methoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalene

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A mixture of 1.4 g of 2-tetralone, 1.5 mL of methyl orthoformate, and a few crystals of para-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate in 75 mL of benzene was stirred for 22 hours and then evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on Florisil® eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to provide 1.15 g (75%) of the desired title intermediate. NMR.

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### Preparation 12

#### 3,8-Dimethoxy-1,2-dihydronaphthalene

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The title compound was prepared from 5-methoxy-2-tetralone according to the procedure of Preparation 11 in 60% yield. NMR.

### Preparation 13

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#### Methyl 3-(2-formylphenyl)propionate

A suspension of 4.5 g of 3-methoxy-1,2-dihydro-naphthalene, 1 g of sodium bicarbonate, 20 mL of methanol and 80 mL of dichloromethane was stirred and cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath. A rapid stream of ozone was bubbled into the suspension until a persistent blue coloration was visible. The mixture was flushed with nitrogen and 3.5 mL of methyl sulfide was added. The mixture was stirred in an ice-acetone bath for 1 hour and then 2 hours at room temperature. The organic solution was washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel

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eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to provide 5.0 g (90%) of the desired title intermediate. NMR.

#### Preparation 14

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#### Methyl 3-(2-formyl-6-methoxyphenyl)propionate

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure of Preparation 13 in 90% yield. NMR.

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#### Preparation 15

#### 2-Methyl-2-cyano-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane

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A solution of 1.5 g of 2-methyl-2-cyano-7-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane and 0.5 g of tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) in 70 mL of benzene was stirred with 15 mL of 2.0 M sodium carbonate. A solution of 1.1 g of 4-fluorophenyl boronic acid in 15 mL of ethanol was added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 16 hours. The mixture was cooled and diluted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with saturated ammonium chloride, washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to provide 1.44 g (93%) of the desired title intermediate. NMR.

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#### Preparation 16

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#### 2-Methyl-2-cyano-7-(2-ethyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane

The title compound was prepared following the procedure of Preparation 15 in 91% yield. NMR.

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#### Preparation 17

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2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane

5 A mixture of 1.44 g of 2-methyl-2-cyano-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane, 4.1 g of triethylamine hydrochloride, and 1.95 g of sodium azide in 40 mL of dimethylformamide was heated in an oil bath at 125°C for 17 hours, adding an additional 4 g of triethylamine hydrochloride and 2 g of  
10 sodium azide after 5 hours. The mixture was cooled, diluted with water, acidified with 1.0 N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water, washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with  
15 dichloromethane/methanol to provide 1.12 g (72%) of the desired title product. NMR.

Preparation 18

20 2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-7-(2-ethyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane

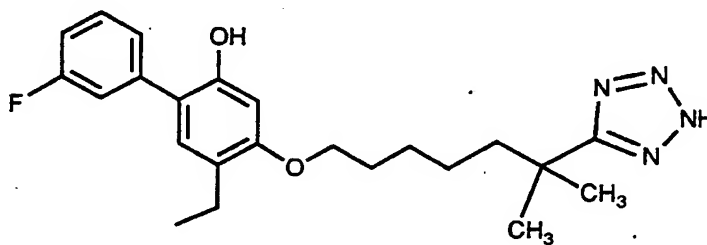
The title compound was prepared following the procedure of Preparation 17 in 75% yield. NMR.

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Example 1

2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)heptane

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A mixture of 1.1 g of 2-methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptane, 1 g of 10% palladium on carbon, and 200 mL of ethanol was hydrogenated on a Parr<sup>TM</sup> apparatus at 35-40 psi for 2 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane/methanol providing 750 mg (84%) of the desired title product. MS, NMR. Crystallization from diethyl ether/hexanes gave material with a melting point of 135-137°C; when crystallized from toluene, the melting point was 142-143°C.

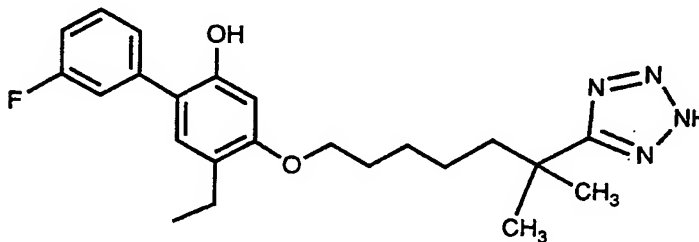
Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C, 66.97; H, 7.09; N, 13.58;

Found: C, 67.18; H, 6.91; N, 13.50.

### Example 2

2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-7-(2-ethyl-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)heptane



The title compound was prepared from the corresponding nitrile precursor in 73% yield following the procedure of Example 1. NMR.

### Preparation 19

3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl chloride

The title intermediate was prepared in 100% yield from 3-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl chloride by the procedure of Preparation 15. NMR.

Preparations 20-24

5 The following compounds were prepared according to the  
procedure of Preparation 1 utilizing 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl chloride mixed with potassium iodide as the  
alkylating agent.

10 Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate, 40% yield, NMR.

15 Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-ethoxycarbonylbutyloxy)-  
phenyl)propionate, 56% yield, NMR.

Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-cyanobutyloxy)phenyl)-propionate, 52%  
yield, NMR.

20 Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-dimethylaminocarbonylbutyl-  
oxy)phenyl)propionate, 24% yield, NMR.

25 Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-methoxyphenyl)propionate, 68% yield,  
NMR.

Preparation 25

30 Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-phenoxy)propoxy)-6-  
(4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)butyloxy)phenyl)-propionate

The title compound was prepared in 45% yield from ethyl 3-(2-(3-  
(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-6-(4-  
35 cyanobutyloxy)phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Preparation  
17. NMR.

Preparation 26

5                   3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid

10                   A solution of 375 mg of ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate in 25 mL of ethanol was mixed with 5 mL of 5.0 N sodium hydroxide and stirred 16 hours. The mixture was diluted with 1.0 N hydrochloric acid and extracted with 3:1 dichloromethane/isopropanol. The organic phase was washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo providing the desired title product in 93% yield. NMR.

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Preparations 27-30

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding esters according to the procedure of Preparation 26.

20                   3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxybutyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 20% yield, NMR.

25                   3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid, 80% yield, NMR.

30                   3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-dimethylaminocarbonylbutyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 41% yield, NMR.

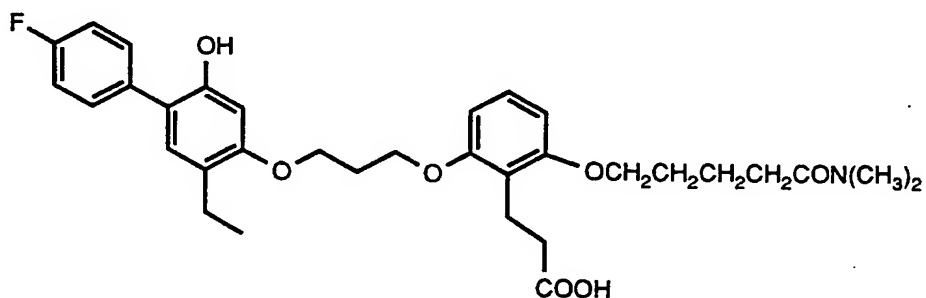
35                   3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)butyloxy)phenyl)-propionic acid, 30% yield, NMR.

Examples 3-7

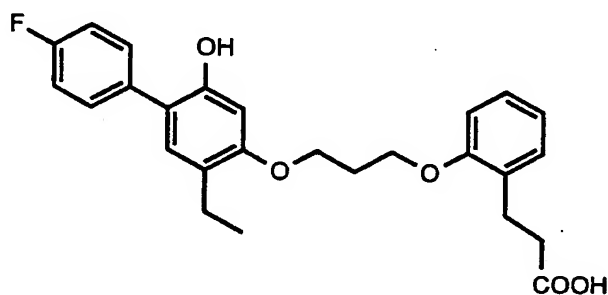
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The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding benzyloxy precursors according to the procedure of Example 1.

3. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
5 phenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-dimethylaminocarbonylbutyloxy)-  
phenyl)propionic acid, 42% yield, NMR.



- 10 4. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
phenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 15% yield, NMR, MS.

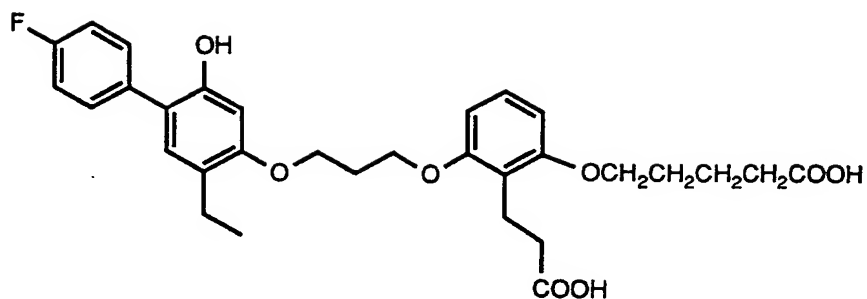


- 15 5. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
phenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxybutyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 40% yield,  
NMR, MS.

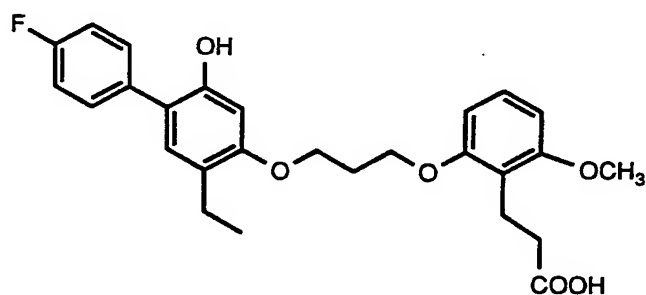
Analysis for  $C_{31}H_{35}FO_8$ :

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	Found: C,	66.52;	H,	6.54.

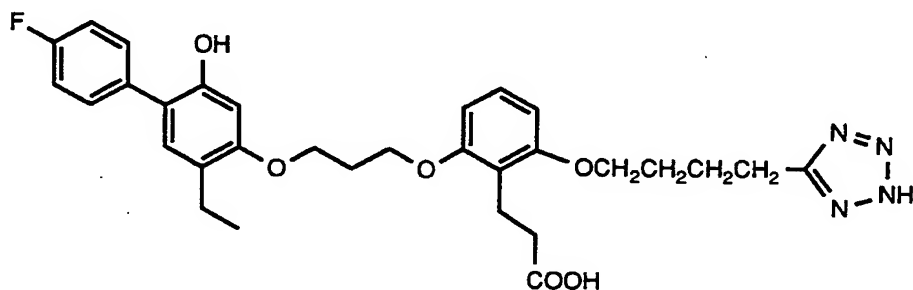
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6. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
 5 phenoxy)propoxy)-6-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid, 10% yield, NMR, MS.



7. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
 10 phenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)butyloxy)phenyl)-propionic acid, 34% yield, NMR, MS.



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### Preparation 31

Methyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-(1-butenyl))-6-methoxyphenyl)propionate



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To a solution of 900 mg of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl triphenyl phosphonium iodide in 10 mL of methylsulfoxide and 60 mL of tetrahydrofuran cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath was added 1.5 mL of a 1.6 M solution of n-butyl lithium in hexanes. The solution was allowed to warm to -5°C over 30 minutes and a solution of 225 mg of methyl 3-((2-formyl-6-methoxy)phenyl)propionate in 3 mL of tetrahydrofuran was added. The solution was stirred 45 minutes at -5°C and then allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with water, acidified with 1.0 N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water, washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to provide 130 mg (23%) of the desired title intermediate. NMR.

#### Preparation 32

Methyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-(1-butenyl))phenyl)propionate

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(2-formylphenyl)propionate according to the procedure of Preparation 31 in 60% yield. NMR.

#### Example 8

Methyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-(1-butenyl))phenyl)propionate

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure of Preparation 31 utilizing the corresponding debenzylated Wittig salt and an additional equivalent of n-butyl lithium, 28% yield. NMR.

#### Preparations 33-34

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The following compounds were prepared from their corresponding esters according to the procedure of Preparation 26.

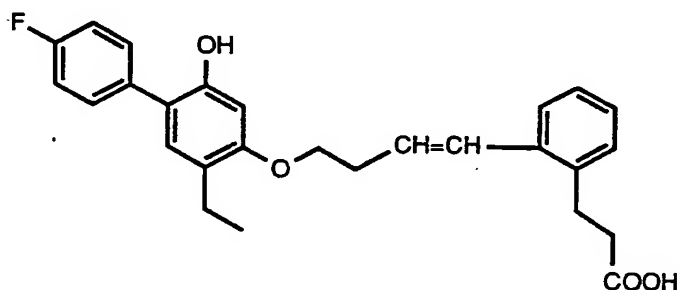
3-(2-(4-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-phenoxy)-(1-butenyl))phenyl)propionic acid, 100% yield, NMR, MS.

3-(2-(4-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-phenoxy)-(1-butenyl))-6-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid, 100% yield, NMR, MS.

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### Example 9

3-(2-(4-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-(1-butenyl))phenyl)propionic acid



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The title product was prepared from the corresponding ester in 100% yield according to the procedure of Preparation 26. NMR. The individual cis and trans isomers were separated and each demonstrated essentially the same in vitro LTB<sub>4</sub> activity as found for the mixture.

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### Examples 10-11

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding benzyloxy precursors according to the procedure of Example 1.

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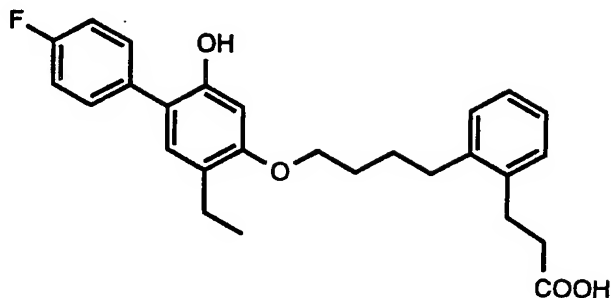
10. 3-(2-(4-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-phenoxy)butyl)phenyl)propionic acid, 61% yield, MS, NMR.

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Analysis for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FO<sub>4</sub>:

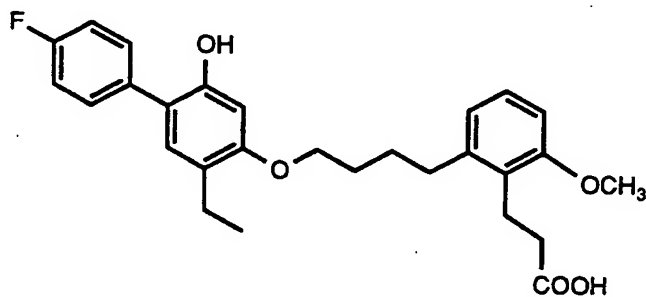
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Calc: C, 74.29; H, 6.70;  
 Found: C, 74.55; H, 6.81.



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11. 3-(2-(4-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-phenoxy)butyl)-6-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid, 75% yield, NMR, MS.



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### Preparation 35

3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid

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The title compound was prepared from 5-hydroxybenzo-1-pyran-2-one according to the procedure of Preparation 1 in 50% yield, NMR.

### Preparation 36

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5-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-benzo-1-pyran-2-one

A solution of 1.2 g of 5-hydroxybenzo-1-pyran-2-one in 75 mL of tetrahydrofuran and 25 mL of methylsulfoxide was treated with 300 mg

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of sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil). After stirring for 10 minutes, a solution of 1.1 equivalents of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenyl)propyl iodide in 10 mL of tetrahydrofuran was added. The solution was stirred 19 hours, diluted with a 0.1 N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether providing 1.80 g (47%) of the desired title intermediate, NMR.

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### Preparation 37

Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)propionate

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To a solution of 1.8 g of 5-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)benzo-1-pyran-2-one in 30 mL of a 1:1 mixture of tetrahydrofuran and methanol was added 40 mL of a 0.06 M solution of sodium methoxide in methanol. The mixture was stirred 18 hours, diluted with water, acidified with 1.0 N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether resulting in 1.8 g (100%) of the desired title intermediate, NMR.

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### Examples 12-13

The following compounds were prepared according to the procedure of Example 1 from the respective benzyloxy precursors.

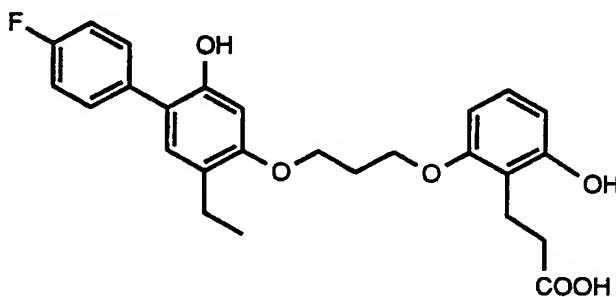
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12. Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)propionate, 85% yield, NMR.

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13. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid, 30% yield, NMR, MS.



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#### Preparation 38

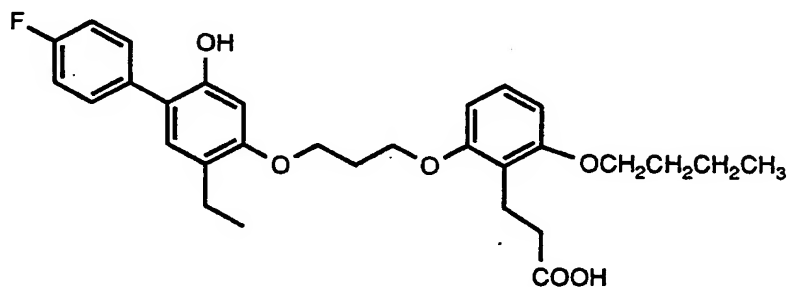
10 Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-butyloxy)phenyl)propionate

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)propionate utilizing n-butyl iodide and the procedure of Preparation 36 in 70% yield, NMR.

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#### Example 14

20 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-butyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid



25 The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-

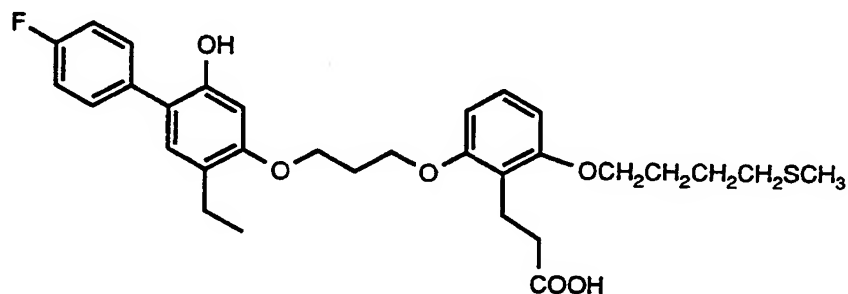
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butyloxy)phenyl)propionate following, successively, the procedures of Preparation 26 and Example 1 in 87% yield. NMR, MS.

### Example 15

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3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-6-(4-methylthiobutyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid



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A. Preparation of methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-chlorobutyloxy)-phenyl)propionate.

15 The title compound was prepared in 90% yield from the title compound of Preparation 37 utilizing 4-chlorobutyl bromide and the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR.

20 B. Preparation of methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-chlorobutyloxy)-phenyl)propionate.

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-chlorobutyloxy)phenyl)propionate in 60% yield utilizing the procedure of Example 1. NMR.

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C. Preparation of methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-methylthiobutyl-oxy)phenyl)propionate.

30 A solution of 420 mg of methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-chlorobutyloxy)-phenyl)propionate in 10

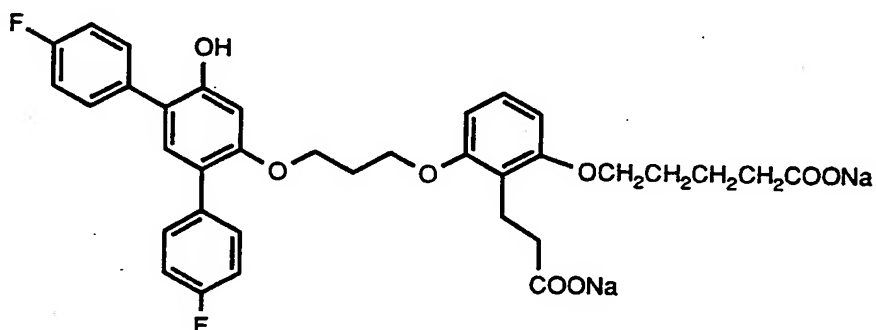
mL of tetrahydrofuran was added to 70 mL of a 0.14M solution of sodium methanthiolate in dimethylformamide. The mixture was stirred 2 hours, diluted with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to provide the desired title intermediate in 98% yield. NMR.

D. Preparation of 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
10 hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-methylthiobutyloxy)phenyl)-propionic  
acid.

15 The title compound was prepared in 94% yield from methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-6-(4-methylthiobutyloxy)phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Preparation 26. NMR, MS.

### Example 16

20 3-(2-(3-(2,4-Di(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxybutoxy)phenyl)propionic acid



25           A.     Preparation of ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2,4-di(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-ethoxycarbonyl-butoxy)phenyl)propionate.

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The title intermediate was prepared from ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-(4-ethoxycarbonylbutoxy)phenyl)propionate and 3-(2,4-di(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl iodide following the procedure of Preparation 1. NMR.

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B. Preparation of 3-(2-(3-(2,4-di(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxybutoxy)phenyl)propionic acid.

The title intermediate was isolated in 100% yield as an oil from ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2,4-di(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-ethoxycarbonylbutoxy)phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Preparation 26. NMR.

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C. Preparation of 3-(2-(3-(2,4-di(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxybutoxy)phenyl)propionic acid.

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The title compound was prepared in 44% yield from 3-(2-(3-(2,4-di(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxybutoxy)phenyl)propionic acid following the procedure of Example 1. NMR, MS.

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#### Preparation 39

7-(2-Acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-2-methyl-2-n-pentylheptanenitrile

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The title intermediate was prepared from 2-hydroxy-5-benzyloxyacetophenone and 2-methyl-5-n-pentyl-7-iodoheptanenitrile following the procedure of Preparation 36.

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#### Preparation 40

2-Methyl-2-n-pentyl-7-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile

7-(2-Acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-2-methyl-2-n-pentylheptanenitrile was dissolved in carbon tetrachloride containing 6 equivalents of triethylsilane. After addition of 60 equivalents of trifluoroacetic acid, the

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solution was stirred 24 hours and then evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to provided the title product as an oil in 90% yield, NMR.

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Preparation 41

2-Methyl-2-n-pentyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile

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2-Methyl-2-n-pentyl-7-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-heptanenitrile and 1.1 equivalents of N-bromosuccinimide in carbon tetrachloride were stirred 1.5 hours, washed with aqueous sodium thiosulfate, washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether providing the desired title intermediate in 60% yield as an oil, NMR.

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Preparation 42

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2-Methyl-2-n-pentyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile

The title intermediate was prepared from 2-methyl-2-n-pentyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile in 94% yield by the procedure of Preparation 15 as an oil. NMR.

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Preparation 43

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6-Methyl-6-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-11-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)undecane

The title compound was isolated as an oil in 42% yield by reacting 2-methyl-2-n-pentyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile according to the procedure of Preparation 17. NMR.

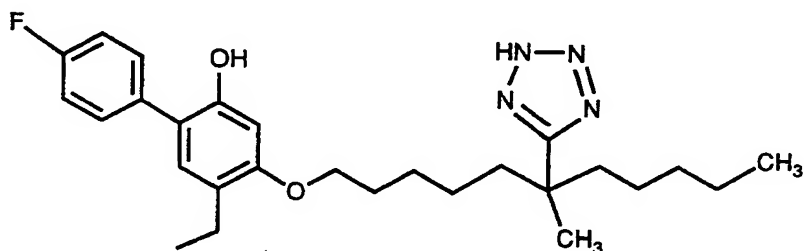
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Example 17

6-Methyl-6-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-11-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)undecane

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The title compound was prepared from 6-methyl-6-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-11-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-phenoxy)undecane in 68%  
10 yield using the procedure of Example 1. NMR, MS.

Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{37}FN_4O_2$ :

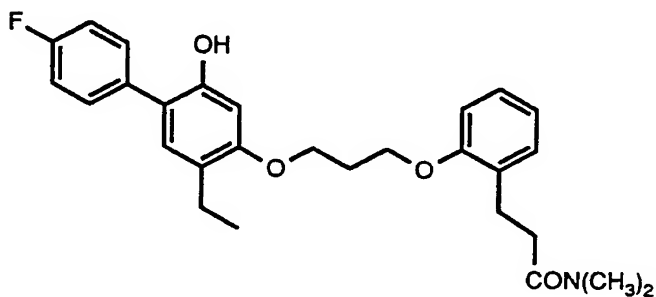
Calc: C,	69.20;	H,	7.96;	N,	11.96;
Found:	C,	69.50;	H,	8.22;	N, 12.00.

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Example 18

N,N-Dimethyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionamide

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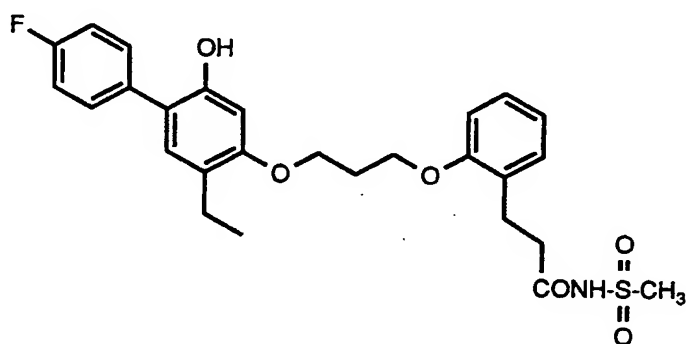
A solution of 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid and several equivalents  
25 of thionyl chloride in dichloromethane was kept at room temperature for

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3 hours, and then poured into a stirred solution of 40% dimethylamine in water. The organic layer was washed with aqueous hydrochloric acid, washed with saturated sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate to provide the desired title product. NMR, MS.

### Example 19

10 N-Methanesulfonyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionamide



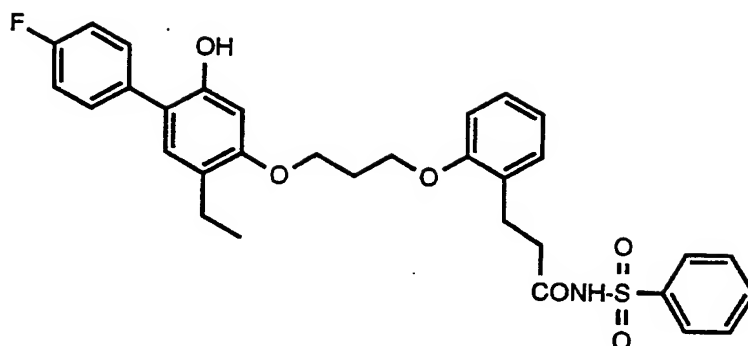
15 A solution of the acid chloride prepared as in Example 18 in tetrahydrofuran was added to a suspension of 10 equivalents of N-lithiomethanesulfonamide in tetrahydrofuran at -5°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, diluted with aqueous hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic  
20 solution was dried and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane/methanol to provide the desired title intermediate in 37% yield. NMR.

### Example 20

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N-Phenylsulfonyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionamide

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The title product was prepared by the procedure of Example 19 using N-lithiobenzenesulfonamide. The product was isolated by preparative C<sub>18</sub> reverse phase HPLC. NMR.

#### Preparation 44

4-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)fluorobenzene

The title compound was an oil prepared in 85% yield from 2,4-dimethoxybromobenzene employing the procedure of Preparation 15. NMR.

#### Preparation 45

2,4-Dimethoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)acetophenone

A solution of 4-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)fluorobenzene in dichloromethane at -5°C was treated with 2 equivalents of stannic chloride and 1.5 equivalents of acetyl chloride. The solution was stirred 2 hours without cooling. The organic solution was dried and evaporated in vacuo to provide the title intermediate as an oil, 97% yield. NMR.

#### Preparation 46

2,4-Dimethoxybutyrophenone

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The title compound was isolated as an oil in 81% yield from 4-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)fluorobenzene using the procedure of Preparation 45. NMR.

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Preparation 47

## 2-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)acetophenone

A dichloromethane solution of 2,4-dimethoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)acetophenone was treated with 1.2 equivalents of boron trichloride at 0°C for 15 minutes. The organic solution was washed with water, dried, and evaporated in vacuo to provide the desired title intermediate in 96% yield. NMR.

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Preparation 48

## 2-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)butyrophenone

The title compound was prepared in 97% yield from 2,4-dimethoxybutyrophenone by the procedure of Preparation 47. NMR.

Preparation 49

## 2-(3-Chloropropoxy)-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)acetophenone

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The title compound was isolated as an oil in 53% yield from 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)acetophenone and 3-chloropropyl bromide by the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR.

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Preparation 50

## 2-(3-Chloropropoxy)-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)butyrophenone

The title compound was isolated as an oil in 64% yield from 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)butyrophenone and 3-chloropropyl bromide by the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR.

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Preparation 51

1-(2-(3-Chloropropoxy)-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-phenyl)butane

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The title compound was isolated as an oil in 89% yield from 2-(3-chloropropoxy)-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-butyrophenone employing the procedure of Preparation 40. NMR.

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Preparation 52

Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-butyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate

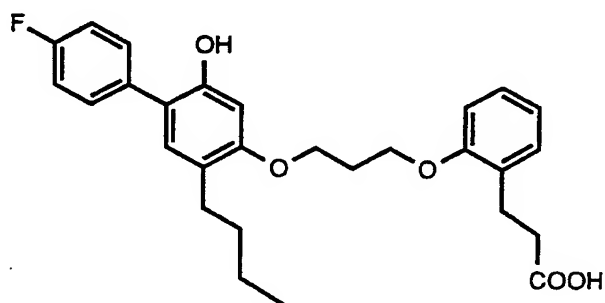
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The title intermediate was prepared from 1-(2-(3-chloropropoxy)-4-methoxy-5-(4-fluorophenyl)phenyl)butane and ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy)phenylpropionate according to the procedure of Preparation 36; the product was as oil obtained in 80% yield. NMR.

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Example 21

3-(2-(3-(2-Butyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid



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Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-butyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate in dichloromethane was treated with 2 equivalents of boron tribromide at -75°C. The mixture was stirred without cooling for 18 hours, washed with water, dried, and

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evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane/methanol to provide the desired title product in 56% yield. NMR.

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Example 21 - Alternate Synthesis

3-(2-(3-(2-Butyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid

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A solution of ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-butyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate and 5 equivalents of sodium ethanthiolate in dimethylformamide was heated at 110°C for 2 hours, cooled, diluted with aqueous hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was washed with water, dried, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with ethyl ether and with ethyl acetate providing the desired title product in 66% yield. NMR.

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Preparation 53

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Ethyl 3-(2-(4-iodobutoxy)phenyl)propionate

The title compound was prepared in 85% yield from ethyl 3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propionate and 4-chlorobutyl bromide according to the procedure of Preparation 36 followed by treatment with sodium iodide; the product was an oil. NMR.

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Preparation 54

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Ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)-propionate

The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 71% yield from ethyl 3-(2-(4-iodobutoxy)phenyl)propionate and 2-hydroxy-4-benzyloxyacetophenone according to the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR.

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Preparation 55

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)-propionate

- 5        The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 85% yield from ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)butyloxy)-phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Preparation 40. NMR.

Preparation 56

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Ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)propionate

- 15        The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 85% yield from ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)butyloxy)-phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Preparation 41. NMR.

Preparation 57

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Ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)propionate

- 25        The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 84% yield from ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-butyloxy)phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Preparation 15. NMR.

Example 22

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Ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)propionate

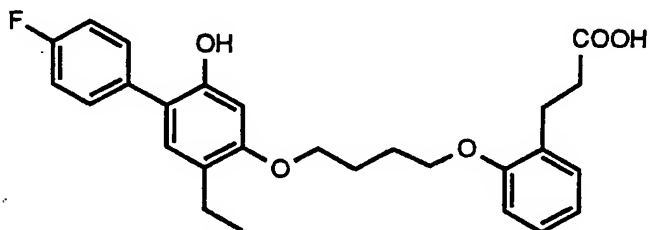
- 35        The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 100% yield from ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-phenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate following the procedure of Example 1. NMR.



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Example 23

5                   3-(2-(4-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
hydroxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid



10           The title product was prepared in 72% yield following the  
procedure of Preparation 26 employing ethyl 3-(2-(4-(2-ethyl-4-(4-  
fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)butyloxy)phenyl)-propionate as the  
reactant. NMR.

Preparation 58

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Methyl 4-(3-allyloxyphenoxy)benzoate

          The title compound was prepared in 96% yield as an oil from  
methyl 4-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoate and allyl bromide by the procedure  
20 of Preparation 36. NMR.

Preparation 59

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Methyl 4-(2-allyl-3-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoate

and

Methyl 4-(4-allyl-3-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoate

          A solution of methyl 4-(3-allyloxyphenoxy)benzoate in N,N-  
dimethylaniline was heated at 190°C for 19 hours, cooled, diluted with  
30 ethyl acetate, washed with aqueous hydrochloric acid, dried, and  
evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel

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eluting with hexane/ethyl ether to give a 40:60 mixture of the title compounds as an oil in 92% yield. NMR.

#### Preparation 60

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Methyl 4-(2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoate  
and  
Methyl 4-(3-hydroxy-4-(3-hydroxypropyl)phenoxy)benzoate

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A tetrahydrofuran solution of the title compounds of Preparation 59 was treated with 3.4 equivalents of 9-borabicyclononane for 16 hours. The mixture was cooled to -5°C, treated with 50 equivalents of aqueous sodium acetate and then with 5.0 equivalents of hydrogen peroxide. The mixture was stirred without cooling for 6 hours, diluted with aqueous sodium thiosulfate, acidified with hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was dried and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane/methanol to give a mixture of the title compounds in essentially quantitative yield. NMR.

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#### Preparation 61

Methyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)phenyl)propionate  
and  
Methyl 3-(2-hydroxy-4-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)phenyl)propionate

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A solution of the title compounds of Preparation 60 in acetone at -5°C was treated with a large excess of Jones reagent and then stirred without cooling for 1.5 hours. The excess oxidizing agent was destroyed with isopropanol and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was dried and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol containing a few drops of sulfuric acid and refluxed for 5 hours, cooled, concentrated in vacuo, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with

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hexane/ethyl ether to give a mixture of the title compounds as an oil in 70% yield. NMR.

#### Preparation 62

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Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-6-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)phenyl)propionate

and

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Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-4-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)phenyl)propionate

Reacting the compounds of Preparation 61 and 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl iodide following the procedure of Preparation 36 gave a 40:60 mixture of the title compounds as an oil in 30% yield. NMR.

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#### Example 24

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Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-6-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)phenyl)propionate

and

Methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-4-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)phenyl)propionate

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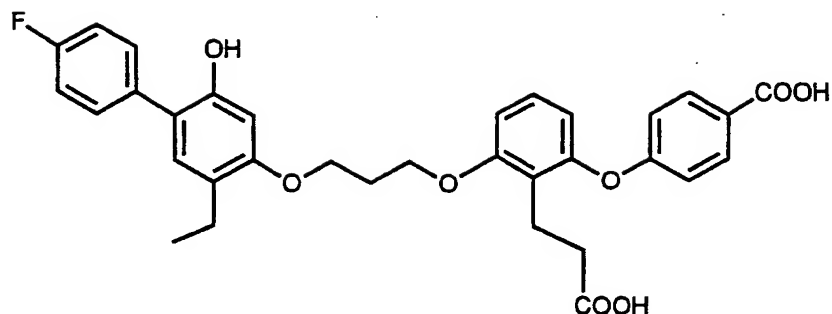
The title esters were prepared from the compounds of Preparation 62 according to the procedure of Example 1 giving a mixture of the title compounds as an oil, 100% yield. NMR.

#### Examples 25 and 26

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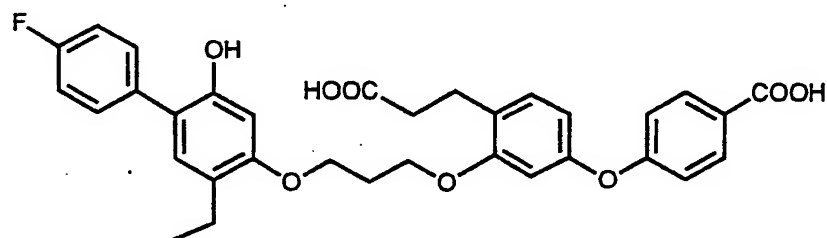
3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-6-(4-carboxyphenoxy)phenyl)propionic acid

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and

- 5      3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)-propoxy)-4-(4-carboxyphenoxy)phenyl)propionic acid



- 10      Hydrolyzing the title compounds of Example 24 according to the procedure of Preparation 26 gave a mixture of the title products which were separated by preparative reverse phase HPLC on a C<sub>18</sub> column.

25.      3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
15      phenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxyphenoxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 49% yield, NMR.

26.      3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
20      phenoxy)propoxy)-4-(4-carboxyphenoxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 34% yield, NMR.

### Preparation 63

- 25      3,3-Dimethyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid

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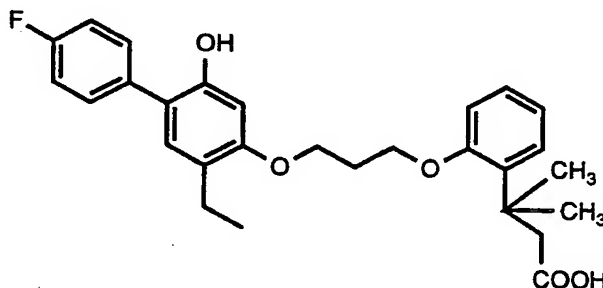
A solution of 4,4-dimethylbenzopyran-2-one in dimethylsulfoxide was treated with 2.0 equivalents of potassium hydroxide for 16 hours. A solution of 2.0 equivalents of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl iodide in a mixture of dimethylsulfoxide and tetrahydrofuran was added and stirred for 1 hour, diluted with aqueous hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was washed with water, dried, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl ether giving the desired title intermediate as an oil, 29% yield, NMR.

Also isolated was the title compound esterified by the alkyl iodide, oil, 50% yield, NMR.

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#### Example 27

3,3-Dimethyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid



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The title compound was prepared in 75% yield from 3,3-dimethyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid following the procedure of Example 1. NMR.

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#### Preparation 64

2-Cyano-2-methyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propane

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The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 77% yield from 2-cyano-2-methyl-3-(2-hydroxy)phenylpropane and 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl iodide following the procedure  
5 of Preparation 36. NMR.

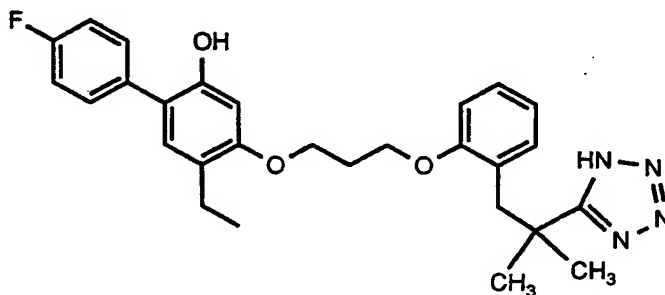
#### Preparation 65

10 2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propane

The title intermediate was isolated as an oil in 77% yield from 2-cyano-2-methyl-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propane following the procedure of  
15 Preparation 17. NMR.

#### Example 28

20 2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propane



The debenzylation of 2-methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-phenyl)propane following  
25 the procedure of Example 1 gave the title compound in 76% yield. NMR.

#### Preparation 66

30 2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy)propoxy)benzaldehyde

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The title intermediate was prepared from salicylaldehyde in 71% yield by the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR

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Preparation 67

(±)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-hydroxy-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propanenitrile

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A solution of 1.3 mL of isobutyronitrile in 100 mL of toluene at -5°C was treated with one equivalent of lithium diisopropylamide and then allowed to warm to room temperature. A solution of 690 mg of the title compound of Preparation 66 in 10 mL of toluene was added and the suspension was stirred for one hour, poured into dilute aqueous hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed, dried, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane to provide the title intermediate in 91% yield. NMR

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Preparation 68

2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-3-hydroxy-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propane

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A solution of 715 mg of the title compound of Preparation 67 and 8 mL of tri-n-butyltin azide was heated at 95°C for 92 hours, cooled, diluted with 5 mL tetrahydrofuran, 25 mL acetonitrile, and 10 mL acetic acid, and then stirred 3.5 hours. The solution was washed well with hexane and then evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with dichloromethane/methanol to provide the title compound in 87% yield. NMR

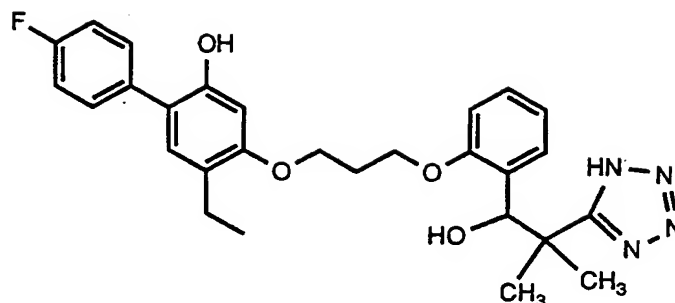
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Example 29

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2-Methyl-2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-3-hydroxy-3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propane

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The title compound was prepared in 67% yield from the title  
5 compound of Preparation 68 by the procedure of Example 1. NMR, MS  
Analysis for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc: C, 66.34; H, 6.17; N, 11.06;

Found: C, 66.41; H, 6.34; N, 11.07.

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#### Preparation 69

4-(2,4-Dimethoxy-5-bromophenyl)fluorobenzene

The title intermediate was prepared from 4-(2,4-  
15 dimethoxyphenyl)fluorobenzene in 97% yield by the procedure of  
Preparation 41. NMR

#### Preparation 70

20 4-(2-Methoxy-4-hydroxy-5-bromophenyl)fluorobenzene  
and  
4-(2-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-5-bromophenyl)fluorobenzene

Each of the title compounds were isolated in 35% yield from  
25 transforming the title compound of Preparation 69 by the procedure of  
Example 21. NMR

#### Preparation 71

30 3-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-bromo-5-methoxyphenoxy)propyl chloride



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The title intermediate was prepared from 4-(2-methoxy-4-hydroxy-5-bromophenyl)fluorobenzene and 3-bromopropyl chloride in 84% yield by the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR

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### Preparation 72

Ethyl 3-(2-(3-(2-bromo-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate

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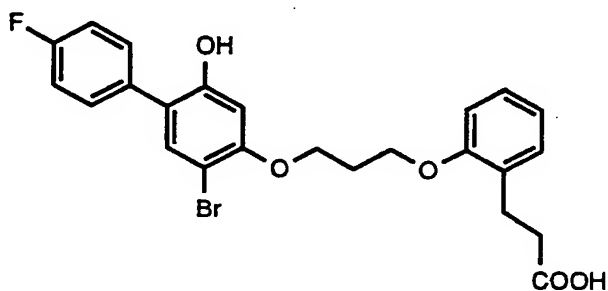
The title intermediate was prepared from 3-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-bromo-5-methoxyphenoxy)propyl chloride and ethyl 3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propionate in 76% yield by the procedure of Preparation 36. NMR

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### Examples 30-31

3-(2-(3-(2-Bromo-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid

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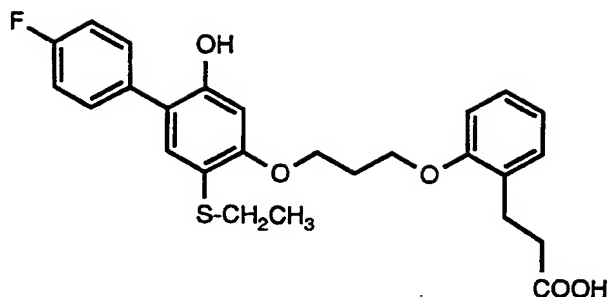


and

3-(2-(3-(2-Ethylthio-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid

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The title compounds were prepared from the title compound of Preparation 72 by the procedure of Example 21 (Alternate Synthesis).

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30. 3-(2-(3-(2-Bromo-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 18% yield, NMR

Analysis for: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrFO<sub>5</sub>:

Calc: C, 58.91; H, 4.53; Br, 16.33;

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Found: C, 59.17; H, 4.72; Br, 16.48.

31. 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethylthio-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionic acid, 10% yield, NMR

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#### Example 32

Methyl 3-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxycarbonylbutyl)-6-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate

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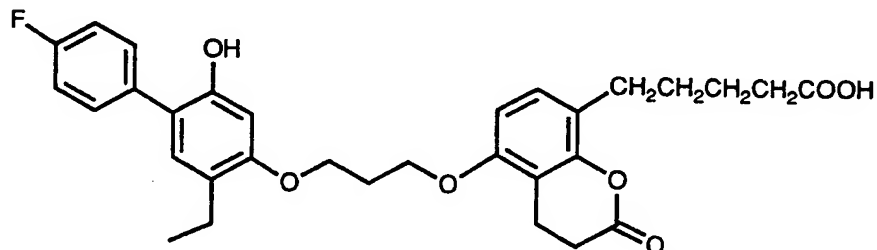
A mixture 250 mg of ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxycarbonylbutyl)-6-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate, 0.1 gm of 10% palladium on carbon, and several drops of concentrated sulfuric acid in 125 mL of methanol was hydrogenated on a Parr<sup>TM</sup> apparatus at 45 psi for 18 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo giving the title intermediate in 80% yield, NMR

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#### Example 33

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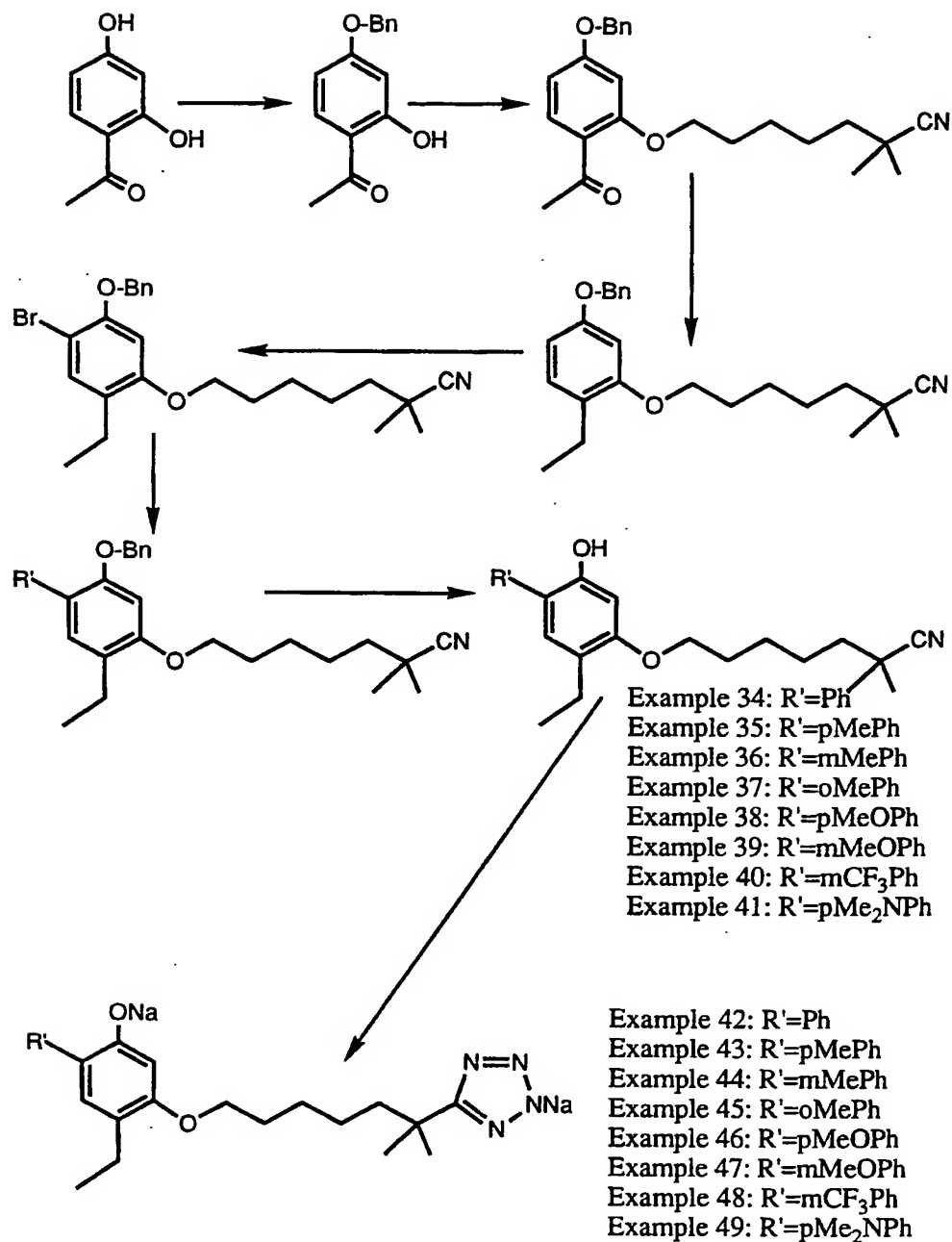
5-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-8-(4-carboxybutyl)dihydrocoumarin



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The title product was prepared from methyl 3-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxycarbonylbutyl)-6-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propionate by the procedure of Preparation 26. The title compound was purified by preparative reverse  
10 phase HPLC and isolated in 15% yield. NMR

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Preparation 73

5 1-Benzyloxy-2-phenyl-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene

A. Preparation of 4-benzyloxy-2-hydroxyacetophenone.

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In a dry round-bottom flask under nitrogen, 2,4-dihydroxyacetophenone (15.2 g, 100 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (400 mL) and dimethylsulfoxide (100 mL). To this solution were  
5 added benzyl bromide (17.0 g, 100 mmol) and potassium carbonate (27.6 g, 200 mmol). The reaction was heated to reflux and stirred for 15 hours. The methyl ethyl ketone was removed *in vacuo*, and the dimethylsulfoxide solution was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed several times with brine. The organic material was collected, dried  
10 (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated to provide a dark solid. The solid was recrystallized from hexane/toluene to provide the title benzyl ether as a tan solid (12.8 g, 55.7%); mp 143-144.5°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 7.3-7.5 (m, 5H), 6.54 (d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H).

15 Analysis for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:

Calc:	C,	74.36;	H,	5.82;
Found:	C,	74.52;	H,	5.97.

20 B. Preparation of 2-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)-4-benzyloxyacetophenone.

To a solution of 4-benzyloxy-2-hydroxyacetophenone (9.65 g, 42 mmol) in dimethylformamide (150 mL) were added the appropriate alkyl chloride (6.86 g, 40 mmol), potassium carbonate (10.6 g, 77 mmol), and  
25 potassium iodide (1.6 g, 9.6 mmol). The stirred reaction was heated to 90°C for 24 hours. The solids were removed by filtration, and the dimethylformamide was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by Prep-500 HPLC, using a gradient of 5% ethyl acetate in hexane to 20% over 30 minutes as a mobile phase to yield the title ether as a clear oil  
30 (12.1 g, 79.8%); NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.85 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.3-7.5 (m, 5H), 6.60 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz), 6.53 (d, 1H, J = 1.8 Hz), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.04 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.85-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.6 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2943, 2238, 1601 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 379.

35 C. Preparation of 4-benzyloxy-2-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)ethylbenzene.

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To a solution of 2-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)-4-benzyloxyacetophenone (12.1 g, 31.6 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (30 mL) were added trifluoroacetic acid (44.4 g, 390 mmol) and triethylsilane (21.8 g, 188 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours, then was worked-up by diluting with ethyl acetate and washing with aqueous sodium carbonate. The organic material was collected, dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by Prep-500 HPLC using a 3% ethyl acetate in hexane to 5% grade over 15 minutes, then holding at 5%. Concentration of the appropriate fractions provided the desired title product (10.6 g, 91.5%) as a clear liquid. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.5 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.52 (dd, 1H, J = 6.5, 2 Hz), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.96 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.60 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.6 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.20 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz).

D. Preparation of 1-bromo-2-benzyloxy-4-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)-5-ethylbenzene.

To a stirred solution of 4-benzyloxy-2-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)ethylbenzene (10.6 g, 28.9 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (125 mL) was added N-bromosuccinimide (6.0 g, 33.3 mmol). Stirring was continued for 6 hours at room temperature. The mixture was then diluted with methylene chloride and washed with water. The organic material was collected, dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized from hexane/ethyl acetate to provide the title aryl bromide (12.6 g, 97.8%) as a pale yellow solid. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.5 (m, 5H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 3.90 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.58 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.75-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.18 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3020, 2981, 2946, 2238, 1662, 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 444, 445, 446.

E. Representative procedures for the biaryl coupling reaction.

Method A

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In a round-bottom flask, the appropriate aryl bromide (1 equivalent) was dissolved in benzene. To this solution were added  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (10 mol %) and a 2.0 M aqueous solution of sodium carbonate (10 eq.). In a separate flask, the aryl boronic acid (2 eq.) was dissolved in ethanol. To the aryl boronic acid solution was added the the aryl bromide solution, and the mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 16 hours. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride. The organic material was collected, dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (6% ethyl acetate in hexane) to provide the desired biaryl.

#### Method B

A solution of the appropriate aryl bromide in tetrahydrofuran was cooled to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . To this solution was added *tert*-butyl lithium (2 eq). The reaction was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 minutes, then a tetrahydrofuran solution of zinc chloride (1 eq) was added. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 15 minutes. In a separate flask, a solution was prepared containing the appropriate aryl halide (1 eq) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (10 mole%) in tetrahydrofuran. This solution was added to the aryl zinc solution, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2-18 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with aqueous ammonium chloride. The organic material was dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (6% ethyl acetate in hexane) to provide the desired biaryl.

F. Preparation of 1-benzyloxy-2-phenyl-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene.

This compound was prepared in 75% yield by Method A. NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (d, 2H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 7.3-7.5 (m, 8H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.95 (t, 2H,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 2.63 (q, 2H,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.25 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.3$  Hz); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3013, 2977, 2943, 2238, 1611, 1488  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (m/e) 439.

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Analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C,	81.59;	H,	7.99;	N,	3.17;
Found: C,	81.34;	H,	8.18;	N,	3.05.

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Preparations 74-80

The following intermediates were prepared as noted following the procedures as described for Preparation 73 employing the appropriate aryl boronic acid or aryl halide.

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1-Benzoyloxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 58% yield by Method A. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.3-7.4 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.96 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.64 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3018, 2977, 2934, 2878, 2238, 1611, 1496, 1219 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 456.

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Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

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Calc: C,	81.72;	H,	8.18;	N,	3.07;
Found: C,	81.92;	H,	8.41;	N,	3.13.

1-Benzoyloxy-2-(3-methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 75% yield by Method A. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.44 (m, 8H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.00 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.66 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.39 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2944, 2238, 1612, 1504, 1471 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 455.

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Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

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Calc: C,	81.72;	H,	8.18;	N,	3.07;
Found: C,	81.48;	H,	8.22;	N,	3.17.

1-Benzoyloxy-2-(2-methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 40% yield by Method A. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.2-7.5 (m, 9H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.99 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.63

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(q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3026, 2943, 2238, 1613, 1455 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 455.

Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

5                    Calc: C,    81.72;            H,    8.18;            N,    3.07;  
                    Found:    C,    81.49;            H,    7.95;            N,    3.00.

1-Benzyloxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 82% yield by Method A. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (d, 10 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.3-7.4 (m, 5H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.97 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.64 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2971, 2942, 2238, 1610, 1496, 1245 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (e/m) 472;.

Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>:

15                    Calc: C,    78.95;            H,    7.91;            N,    2.97;  
                    Found:    C,    78.67;            H,    7.99;            N,    2.81.

1-Benzyloxy-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 53% yield by Method A. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.3-7.45 20 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.87 (dd, 1H, J = 6, 2 Hz), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.99 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.64 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.24 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2943, 2238, 1610, 1467, 1251 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 471.

Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>:

25                    Calc: C,    78.95;            H,    7.91;            N,    2.97;  
                    Found:    C,    77.12;            H,    7.83;            N,    3.32.

1-Benzyloxy-2-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 55% yield by Method B. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 30 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H, J = 5 Hz), 7.3-7.5 (m, 7H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.01 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.64 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2944, 2872, 2238, 1612, 1507, 1333 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 509.

35                    1-Benzyloxy-2-(3-dimethylaminophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)benzene, 94% yield by Method A. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.54

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(d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.3-7.5 (m, 5H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 3.95 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.00 (s, 6H), 2.62 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3009, 2944, 2868, 2238, 1612, 1498 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 484.

5        Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C,	79.30;	H,	8.32;	N,	5.78;
Found: C,	77.04;	H,	8.07;	N,	5.67.

### Examples 34-41

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#### REPRESENTATIVE PROCEDURE FOR THE DEBENZYLATION

To a solution of the aryl benzyl ether in ethyl acetate was added 10% Pd on carbon. The atmosphere of the reaction was exchanged for hydrogen gas (1 Atm) and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 2-48 hours. The dispersion was filtered over Celite® and washed with ethyl acetate several times. The resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexane) to provide the desired phenol.

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34. 2-Phenyl-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)-phenol, 79.4% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.4-7.5 (m, 5H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 4.00 (t, 3H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.63 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3558, 3019, 2843, 2237, 1624, 1408, 1219 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 351.

Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C,	78.63;	H,	8.26;	N,	3.99;
Found: C,	79.04;	H,	8.41;	N,	4.24.

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35. 2-(4-Methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, 44.5% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.29 (d, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.00 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.62 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3554, 3020, 2843, 2237, 1624, 1587, 1497; MS (m/e) 365.

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Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

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Calc: C, 78.86; H, 8.55; N, 3.83;  
Found: C, 76.84; H, 8.44; N, 3.84.

36. 2-(3-Methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, 80.1% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.2 (m, 4H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.00 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.61 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.6 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.20 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3553, 3023, 2977, 2943, 2872, 2237, 1625 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 365.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C, 79.08; H, 8.30; N, 3.84;  
Found: C, 78.89; H, 8.84; N, 3.92.

37. 2-(2-Methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, 46.9% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.2-7.4 (m, 4H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.00 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.61 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 1H), 1.20 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3551, 3019, 2944, 2871, 2238, 1625, 1586, 1502 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 365.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C, 78.86; H, 8.55; N, 3.83;  
Found: C, 78.11; H, 8.52; N, 3.78.

38. 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, quantitative yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, 2H J = 8.6 Hz), 7.15 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, 2H, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.62 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3600, 3019, 2977, 2943, 2238, 1609, 1496, 1241 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 381.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>:

Calc: C, 75.56; H, 8.19; N, 3.67;  
Found: C, 75.38; H, 8.32; N, 3.50.

39. 2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, 72.3% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (t, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 6.90-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 4.00 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz),

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3.86 (s, 1H), 2.62 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3550, 3023, 2943, 2238, 1597, 1485, 1287 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 382.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>:

5	Calc: C,	75.56;	H,	8.17;	N,	3.67;	
	Found:	C,	73.95;	H,	8.08;	N,	2.59.

40. 2-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, 56.3% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.5-7.7 (m, 3H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.01 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.62 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.38 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2943, 2238, 1378, 1239 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 419, 420.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

15	Calc: C,	68.72;	H,	6.73;	N,	3.34;	
	Found:	C,	68.72;	H,	7.02;	N,	3.38.

41. 2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-(6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy)phenol, 38.5% yield. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.01 (s, 6H), 1.8-1.9 (m, 2H), 1.5-1.6 (m, 6H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.20 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3600, 3020, 2900, 2238, 1612, 1498 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 394, 395.

Analysis for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:

25	Calc: C,	76.10;	H,	8.69;	N,	7.10;	
	Found:	C,	74.10;	H,	8.57;	N,	7.91.

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To a solution of the nitrile (1 eq.) in diglyme were added N,N-dimethylethanolamine hydrochloride (2 eq.) and sodium azide (4 eq.). The suspension was heated to 130°C and stirred for 8-72 hours. The mixture was diluted with methylene chloride and acidified with dilute hydrochloride acid. The organic material was collected, dried (magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting

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material was dissolved in ethanol, and to this solution was added aqueous sodium hydroxide (4 eq.). This reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, then the solvents were removed in vacuo. An HP-20 reverse phase MPLC system was used to purify the residue, first using water as the mobile phase, then using 40% water in methanol. The desired fractions were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then lyophilized to produce the tetrazole as its sodium salt.

- 10           42.    2-Phenyl-4-ethyl-5-[6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-methylheptyloxy]phenol sodium salt, 34.3% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d, 2H, J = 6.5 Hz), 7.35 (t, 2H, J = 6.5 Hz), 7.20 (t, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.82 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.65 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.55-1.70 (m, 6H), 1.25-1.35 (m, 8H), 1.10 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 3192, 2970, 15  
2937, 1617, 1488, 1453, 1214 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 439.

Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calc: C,	59.87;	H,	7.16;	N,	12.25;
Found:	C, 60.28;	H,	7.45;	N,	12.07.

- 20           43.    2-(4-Methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol disodium salt, 29.0% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, 2H, J = 6.0 Hz), 7.15 (d, 2H, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.82 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.45 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.2-1.4 (m, 8H), 1.07 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 2935, 1616, 1502, 1443 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS  
25 (m/e) 409.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·1.5 H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calc: C,	60.13;	H,	6.89;	N,	11.69;
Found:	C, 59.99;	H,	6.71;	N,	11.98.

- 30           44.    2-(3-Methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol sodium salt, 26.8% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, 1H, J = 6.3 Hz), 7.20 (t, 1H, J = 6.3 Hz), 7.00 (d, 1H, J = 6.3 Hz), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 3.82 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.46 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.2-1.4 (m, 8H), 1.10 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz);  
35 IR (KBr) 2935, 1616, 1486, 1140 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 453.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·0.5 H<sub>2</sub>O:

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Calc: C, 62.34; H, 6.71; N, 12.12;  
Found: C, 61.91; H, 8.02; N, 11.64.

45. 2-(2-Methylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol disodium salt, 34.9% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.04-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 3.83 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.43 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.55-1.7 (m, 4H), 1.1-1.25 (m, 6H), 1.08 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 2935, 1617, 1486, 1326, 1243 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 431.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·2 H<sub>2</sub>O:

- 10            Calc: C, 59.02; H, 6.97; N, 11.48;  
             Found: C, 59.61; H, 7.41; N, 11.96.

46. 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol sodium salt, 29.0% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.57 (s, 1H), 3.81 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.43 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.7-1.9 (m, 6H), 1.2-1.4 (m, 8H), 1.06 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 3009, 2969, 2937, 1609, 1497, 1242 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 425.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·2 H<sub>2</sub>O:

- 20            Calc: C, 57.14; H, 6.75; N, 11.11;  
             Found: C, 57.53; H, 7.57; N, 10.20.

47. 2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol sodium salt, 15.9% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26 (t, 1H, J = 6 Hz), 7.05-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.80 (dd, 1H, J = 2, 6 Hz), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.84 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.46 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.2-1.4 (m, 8H), 1.08 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 3416, 2961, 2936, 2869, 1608, 1487, 1140 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (m/e) 469.

Analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·1.5 H<sub>2</sub>O:

- 30            Calc: C, 58.18; H, 6.67; N, 11.31;  
             Found: C, 58.40; H, 7.73; N, 10.69.

48. 2-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol disodium salt, 29.0% yield. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.8-7.9 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.6 (m, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.84 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.48 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.7-1.9 (m, 6H), 1.2-1.4

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(m, 8H), 1.05 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 3412, 2965, 2937, 2870, 1617, 1336  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (m/e) 507.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ :

5                      Calc: C,    54.96;            H,    5.53;            N, 10.69;  
                      Found:    C,    55.26;            H,    6.23;            N, 10.10.

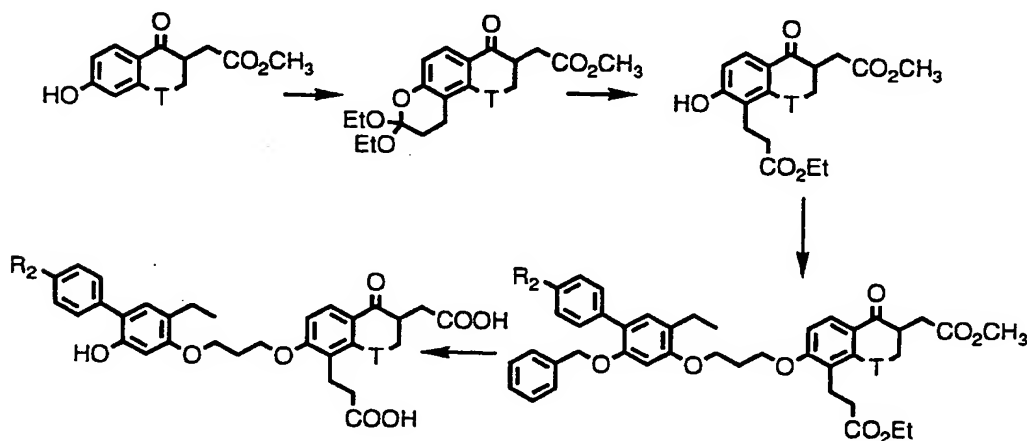
49.    2-(3-Dimethylaminophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol disodium salt, 28.8% yield. NMR (DMSO-  
 10    d6)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.81 (t, 2H, J = 5.3 Hz), 2.45 (q, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.5-1.7 (m, 6H), 1.2-1.4 (m, 8H), 1.06 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz); IR (KBr) 3412, 2963, 2935, 2867, 1613, 1505  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (m/e) 437, 438.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ :

15                      Calc: C,    58.48;            H,    7.21;            N, 13.65;  
                      Found:    C,    58.63;            H,    6.66;            N, 12.53.

### Example 50

20    3-(5-(6-(4-Phenyl-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid



$\text{R}_2 = \text{H}$ ,  $\text{T} = \text{CH}_2$  - Example 50  
 $\text{R}_2 = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{T} = \text{CH}_2$  - Example 51  
 $\text{R}_2 = \text{F}$ ,  $\text{T} = \text{bond}$  - Example 52

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A. Preparation of 3-(2-carbomethoxymethyl-6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-5-yl)propanoic acid, ethyl ester.

A mixture of 6.4 g (0.027 mol) of 6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-2-acetic acid, methyl ester, 9.5 g (0.055 mol) of triethyl orthoacrylate and 1.4 g (0.00137 mol) of pivalic acid in 50 mL of toluene was heated to maintain reflux for 20 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was washed with water, dried (sodium sulfate), and chromatographed over silica gel eluting with a gradient (toluene to toluene/ethyl acetate, 9:1) providing 6.5 g of a yellow oil. This oil was crystallized from 45 mL of methanol to give 3.9 g (40%) of a white crystalline solid. A portion of this solid (2.1 g) was stirred in 20 mL of ethyl acetate containing 1 mL of 1N hydrochloric acid for 15 minutes. The mixture was washed with water, dried (sodium sulfate), and concentrated at reduced pressure to give 1.8 g of the desired title product (93% yield), NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.28 (t, 3), 1.93 (m, 1), 2.23-2.50 (m, 2), 2.72 (t, 2), 2.95-3.10 (m, 6), 3.75 (s, 3), 4.20 (q, 2), 6.9 (d, 1), 7.95 (d, 1), 8.30 (s, 1).

B. Preparation of 3-(5-(6-(4-phenyl-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carbomethoxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid, ethyl ester.

A mixture of 3-(2-carbomethoxymethyl-6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-5-yl)propanoic acid, ethyl ester (0.67 g, 1.9 mmol), 0.76 g (2 mmol) of 1-phenyl-2-benzyloxy-4-(3-chloropropoxy)-6-ethylbenzene, 0.2 g of potassium iodide and 1.38 g (10.0 mmol) of potassium carbonate in 25 mL of methyl ethyl ketone was heated to maintain reflux for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, and dried (sodium sulfate). The product was isolated by silica gel chromatography eluting with toluene to give 0.73 g (54%) of the title intermediate. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.14 (t, 3), 1.23 (t, 3), 1.90 (m, 1), 2.23-2.60 (m, 8), 2.85-3.20 (m, 6), 3.75 (s, 3), 4.12 (m, 4), 4.25 (t, 2), 5.15 (s, 2), 6.55 (s, 1), 6.90 (d, 1), 7.15-7.55 (m, 11), 8.02 (d, 1).



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C. Preparation of 3-(5-(6-(4-phenyl-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid.

5 A mixture of 50 mL of 90% aqueous methanol, 0.36 g (6.45 mmol) of potassium hydroxide, and 0.73 g (1.08 mmol) of 3-(5-(6-(4-phenyl-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carbomethoxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid, ethyl ester was stirred for 24 hours at 25°C. The reaction mixture was diluted with 100 mL of  
10 water, made acidic with 5N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. This solution was dried (sodium sulfate), and concentrated at reduced pressure to give 0.48 g (70% yield) of an oil. This oil was dissolved in 50 mL of ethyl acetate and hydrogenated under 30 psi of hydrogen with 0.48 g of 5% Pd/C as catalyst. After filtering off the  
15 catalyst and concentrating at reduced pressured, the desired title product was obtained (0.31 g, 75% yield) by chromatography on R-18 resin eluting with methanol/water, mp 72-76°C, NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (t, 3), 1.91 (m, 1), 2.25-2.65 (m, 6), 2.86-3.20 (m, 8), 4.21 (t, 2), 4.28 (t, 2), 6.58 (s, 1), 6.90 (d, 1), 7.02 (s, 1), 7.32-7.52 (m, 5), 8.03 (d, 1).

20 Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>8</sub>:

Calc: C, 70.32; H, 6.27;

Found: C, 70.13; H, 6.31.

#### Example 51

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3-(5-(6-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid

A. Preparation of 3-(5-(6-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carbomethoxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid ethyl ester.  
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Using the procedure described for the synthesis of Example 50(B), 0.91 g (2.72 mmol) of 3-(2-carbomethoxymethyl-6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-5-yl)propanoic acid, ethyl ester and 1.09  
35 g (2.73 mmol) of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-benzyloxy-4-(3-chloropropoxy)-6-

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ethylbenzene were reacted to give 1.08 g of the title product (57% yield), NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.20 (m, 6), 1.90 (m, 1), 2.22-2.68 (m, 8), 2.90-3.20 (m, 6), 3.75 (s, 3), 4.12 (q, 23), 4.22 (t, 2), 4.30 (t, s), 5.03 (s, 2), 6.63 (s, 1), 6.90 (d, 1), 7.03-7.55 (m, 10), 8.02 (d, 1).

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B. Preparation of 3-(5-(6-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid.

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3-(5-(6-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-2-ethyl-phenoxy)propoxy)-2-carbomethoxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid ethyl ester was reacted by the method used for Example 50(C) to give 0.47 g (77% yield) of the desired title product, mp 68-72°C, NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.15 (t, 3), 1.91 (m, 1), 2.23-2.62 (m, 8), 2.85-3.18 (m, 6), 4.21 (t, 2), 4.28(t, 2), 6.55 (s, 1), 6.88 (d, 1), 7.10 (t, 2), 7.41 (m, 2), 8.02 (d, 1).

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Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>33</sub>FO<sub>8</sub>:

Calc:	C,	68.07;	H,	5.89;
Found:	C,	67.84;	H,	6.14.

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#### Example 52

3-(4-(5-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)-propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid

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A. Preparation of 3-(4-(2-carbomethoxymethyl)-5-hydroxy-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid, ethyl ester.

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Using the method described for Example 50(A), 4.8 g (21.8 mmol) of 5-hydroxy-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one-2-acetic acid, methyl ester was converted to 1.6 g of the title intermediate in 76% yield, NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.25 (t, 3), 2.50-2.80 (m, 4), 2.80-3.10 (m, 4), 3.36 (m, 1), 3.73 (s, 3), 4.15 (m, 2), 6.94 (d, 1), 7.58 (d, 1), 8.75 (s, 1).

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B. Preparation of 3-(4-(5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carbomethoxymethyl-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid.

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Using the method described for Example 50(B), 0.93 g (2.91 mmol) of 3-(4-(2-carbomethoxymethyl)-5-hydroxy-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid, ethyl ester and 1.16 g (2.9 mmol) of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-benzyloxy-4-(3-chloropropoxy)-6-ethylbenzene were converted to 0.58 g (30% yield) of the title intermediate. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.20 (m, 6), 2.15-3.10 (m, 12), 3.47 (m, 1), 3.73 (s, 3), 4.10 (q, 2), 4.22 (t, 2), 4.32 (t, 2), 5.03 (s, 2), 6.62 (s, 1), 6.94-7.56 (m, 11), 7.70 (d, 1).

10 C. Preparation of 3-(4-(5-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid.

15 3-(4-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)-propoxy)-2-carbomethoxymethyl-2,3-dihydroinden-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid (0.55 g, 0.8 mmol) was reacted using the method described for Example 50(C) to give 0.16 g (30% yield) of the title product, mp 78-81°C, NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.20 (t, 3), 2.30-3.05 (m, 12), 3.45 (m, 1), 4.22 (t, 2), 4.32 (t, 2), 6.55 (s, 1), 6.88-7.45 (m, 6), 7.70 (d, 1).

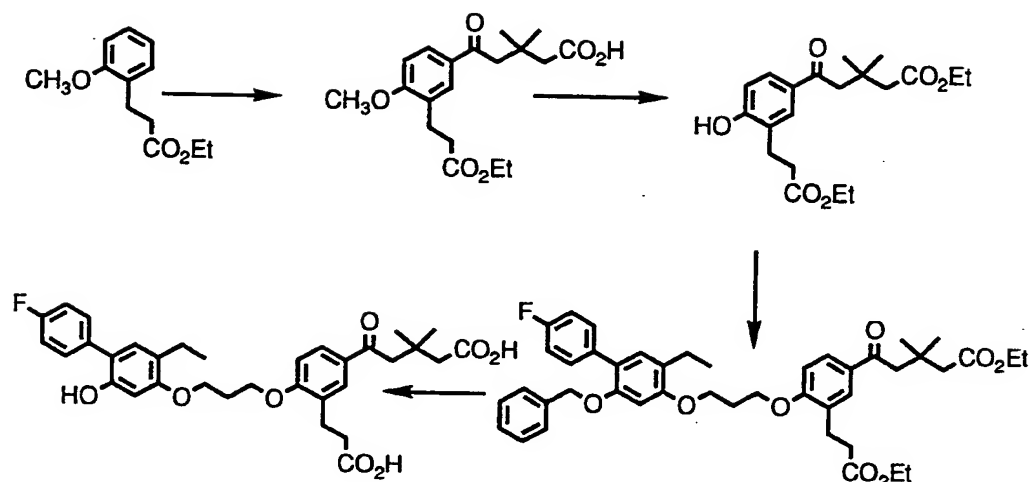
20 Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FO<sub>8</sub>:

Calc: C,	67.63;	H,	5.67;
Found: C,	67.44;	H,	5.92.

### Example 53

25 3,3-Dimethyl-5-(3-(2-carboxyethyl)-4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-5-oxopentanoic acid

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A. Preparation of 5-(3-(2-carbethoxyethyl)-4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-5-oxopentanoic acid.

5 Aluminum chloride (41.4 g, 0.3 mol) was added in portions to a mixture of 20.8 g (0.1 mol) of 1-(2-methoxyphenyl)propanoic acid, ethyl ester and 14.2 g (0.1 mol) of b,b-dimethylglutaric anhydride in 250 mL of methylene chloride cooled with an ice-water bath. Stirring was maintained for four hours while slowly warming to 25°C. The mixture was poured into 500 g of ice and 50 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The organic layer was separated, washed with water, and dried over magnesium sulfate. After removing the solvent at reduced pressure, 28 g of crude 5-(3-(2-carbethoxyethyl)-4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-5-oxopentanoic acid were obtained.

B. Preparation of 5-(3-(2-carbethoxyethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-5-oxopentanoic acid, ethyl ester.

20 Crude 5-(3-(2-carbethoxyethyl)-4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-5-oxopentanoic acid (0.08 mol) was placed in 300 g of pyridine hydrochloride and the mixture heated at 180°C in an oil bath for 20 hours. After cooling, the mixture was taken up in water, made strongly acidic with 2N hydrochloric acid, and extracted three times with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate was washed with water and dried

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(sodium sulfate). The solvent was removed at reduced pressure and the residue dissolved in 200 mL of ethanol. Methanesulfonic acid (0.5 mL) was added and the mixture heated to maintain reflux for 20 hours. After concentrating in vacuo, the residue was taken up in ethyl acetate, washed with water, and dried (sodium sulfate). The solvent was removed at reduced pressure and the title ester (19.1 g, 66% yield) was obtained by silica gel chromatography, eluting with toluene/ethyl acetate, 17:3., NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.94 (s, 6) 0.97 (t, 3), 0.98 (t, 3), 2.44 (s, 2), 2.56 (t, 2), 2.82 (t, 2), 2.97 (s, 2), 4.02 (m, 4), 6.85 (d, 1), 7.70 (m, 2), 10.36 (s, 1).

C. Preparation of 3,3-dimethyl-5-(3-(2-carbethoxy-ethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)-propoxy)-5-oxopentanoic acid, ethyl ester.

By the method described for Example 50(B), 1.6 g (4.4 mmol) of 5-(3-(2-carbethoxyethyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-5-oxopentanoic acid, ethyl ester and 1.75 g (4.4 mmol) of 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-benzyloxy-4-(3-chloropropoxy)-6-ethylbenzene were converted to 1.1 g (35% yield) of the desired title intermediate. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.20 (m, 15), 2.34 (t, 2), 2.54 (s, 2), 2.61 (m, 4), 3.00 (t, 2), 3.07 (s, 2), 4.10 (m, 4), 4.20 (t, 2), 4.28 (t, 2), 5.02 (s, 2), 6.63 (s, 1), 6.91 (d, 1), 7.07 (m, 3), 7.30 (m, 5), 7.51 (m, 3), 7.81 (s, 1), 7.86 (d, 1).

D. Preparation of 3,3-dimethyl-5-(3-(2-carboxyethyl)-4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-phenyl)-5-oxopentanoic acid.

Using the method described for Example 50(C), 3,3-dimethyl-5-(3-(2-carbethoxyethyl)-4-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-5-oxopentanoic acid, ethyl ester (0.6 g, 0.9 mmol) was converted to 0.41 g (51% yield) of the title product, mp 52-55°C, NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.16 (m, 9), 2.35 (t, 2), 2.50-2.72 (m, 6), 3.02 (m, 4), 4.19 (t, 2), 4.28 (t, s), 6.55 (s, 1), 6.93 (d, 1), 7.00 (s, 1), 7.12 (m, 2), 7.42 (m, 2), 7.85 (s, 1), 7.90 (d, 1).

Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>37</sub>FO<sub>8</sub>:

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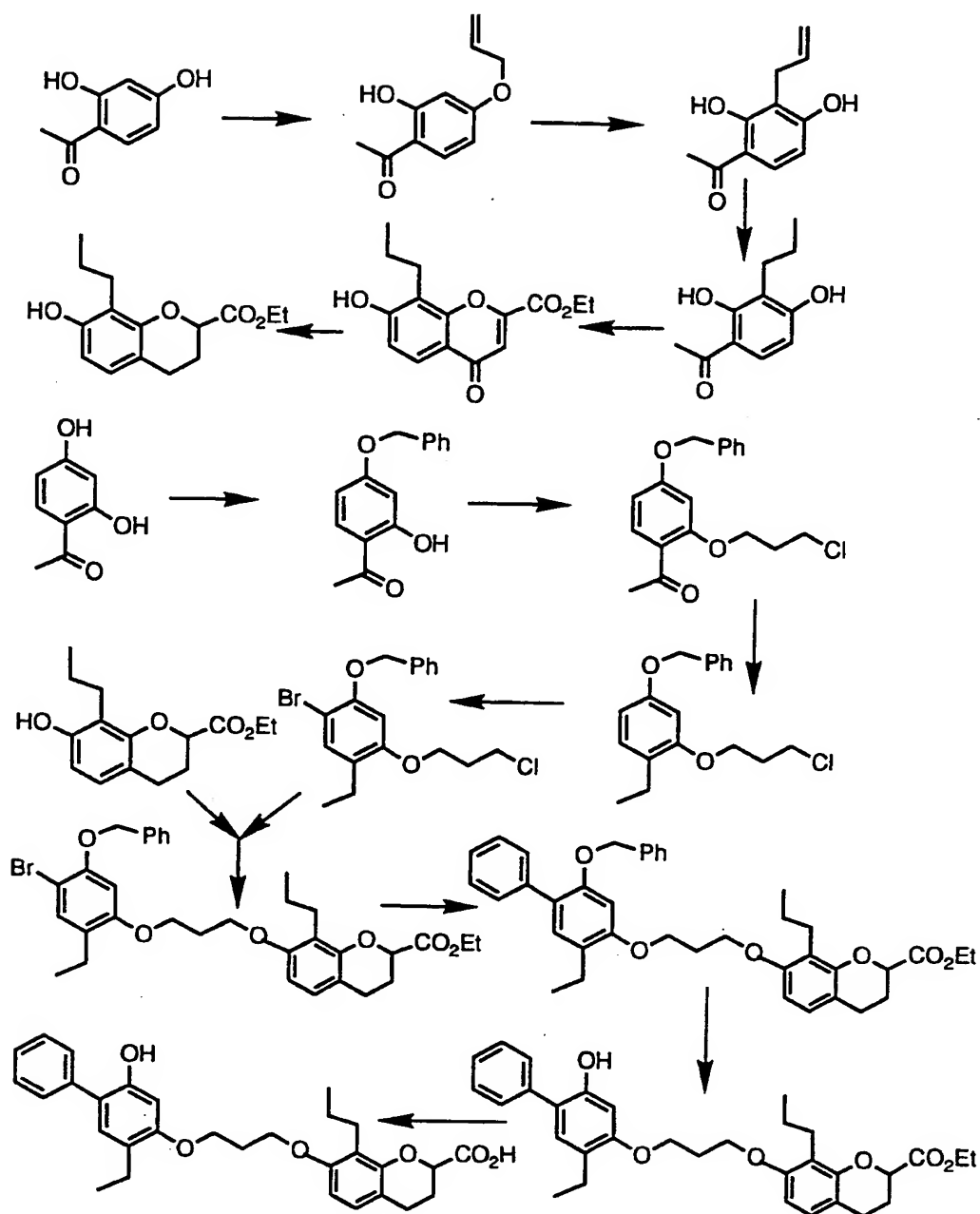
Calc: C, 68.26; H, 6.42;  
Found: C, 67.60; H, 6.63.

Example 54

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7-[3-[(5-Ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid

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A. Preparation of ethyl 7-hydroxy-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate.

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To a solution of 225 mL of absolute ethanol under an argon atmosphere and at room temperature were added 16.56 g of sodium

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metal over a 1 hour period. After all of the sodium was added, the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 1 hour, then cooled to room temperature. A mixture of 2,4-dihydroxy-3-propylacetophenone (34.82 g, 0.180 mol), diethyloxylate (54.57 mL, 0.41 mol), absolute ethanol (45 mL), and diethyl ether (45 mL) was added to the sodium ethoxide solution over a 25 minute period. The resulting deep maroon reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 2.5 hours and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into approximately 600 mL of 1N hydrochloric acid and then extracted several times with diethyl ether. The ether was removed in vacuo and the resulting gum was dissolved in 135 mL of ethanol. To this solution was then added 2.25 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid. This mixture was subsequently refluxed for 45 minutes. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and ethanol was removed under reduced pressure leaving a brown solid. This solid was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed once with water, twice with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, once with water, and then dried over magnesium sulfate. Filtration and solvent removal gave 87 g of a brown solid which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether. Recrystallization provided 24.07 g (48%) of the title intermediate as a tan solid.

TLC: Rf=0.27 (40% ethyl acetate/hexane).

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.80 (br s, 1), 7.98 (d, 1, J = 8.78 Hz), 7.13 (d, 1, J = 8.78 Hz), 7.13 (s, 1), 4.47 (q, 2, J = 7.11 Hz), 2.96 (t, 2, J = 7.25 Hz), 1.73 (m, 2), 1.46 (t, 3, J = 7.16 Hz), 1.02 (t, 3, J = 7.11 Hz).

B. Preparation of ethyl 3,4-dihydro-7-hydroxy-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate.

In a Parr<sup>TM</sup> bottle, ethyl 7-hydroxy-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carbohydrate (12.07 g, 0.044 mol) was dissolved in 210 mL of acetic acid. 10% Palladium-on-carbon (7.2 g) catalyst was added to this solution and the bottle was pressurized with 52 psi of hydrogen gas. The reaction was agitated for 23 hours. The catalyst was removed by filtration through a Celite<sup>®</sup> pad in a sintered glass funnel. The catalyst was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was removed from the filtrate, and the



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resulting oil was azeotroped with toluene providing 12 g of brown oil. The material was purified on a Waters Prep 500 HPLC, equipped with silica gel cartridges, running a 5% to 40% ethyl acetate/hexane gradient over 50 minutes at a flow rate of 250 mL/minute and collecting 500 mL fractions. The purified title chroman intermediate was obtained as a pink oil (10 g, 86%).

TLC:  $R_f$ =0.50 (40% ethyl acetate/hexane).

NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  6.73 (d, 1,  $J$  = 8.20 Hz), 6.37 (d, 1,  $J$  = 8.20 Hz), 4.78 (br s, 1), 4.75 (m, 1), 4.25 (m, 2), 2.68 (m, 4), 2.16 (m, 2), 1.60 (m, 2), 1.29 (t, 3,  $J$  = 7.07 Hz), 0.99 (t, 3,  $J$  = 7.34 Hz).

C. Preparation of 4-benzyloxy-2-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)acetophenone.

A suspension of sodium hydride (80 mg of 60% oil dispersion, 2.0 mmol) in 5 mL of dry dimethylformamide was stirred under a nitrogen atmosphere. To this suspension at room temperature was added a 2 mL solution of 4-benzyloxy-2-hydroxyacetophenone (242 mg, 1.0 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 25 minutes at room temperature. A solution of the 1-bromo-3-chloropropane (625 mg, 4 mmol) in 3 mL of dimethylformamide was added to the generated alkoxide followed by the 18-crown-6 (26 mg, 0.1 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 19 hours at room temperature after which it was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed twice with a saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution. The organic material was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting material was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with 20% ethyl acetate/hexane to give the the title chloropropyl ether (170 mg, 53%).

NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (d, 1,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 7.40 (m, 5), 6.61 (dd, 1,  $J$  = 3.0, 9.0 Hz), 6.56 (d, 1,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 5.12 (s, 2), 4.20 (t, 2,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 3.78 (t, 2,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 2.58 (s, 3), 2.30 (m, 2); IR ( $CHCl_3$ ) 3019, 2930, 1663, 1600, 1574, 1499, 1435  $cm^{-1}$ ; Mass Spec (FD) ( $m/z$ ) 318 ( $M^+$ ).

Analysis for  $C_{18}H_{19}O_3Cl$ :

Calc: C, 76.82; H, 6.01;

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Found: C, 76.56; H, 5.99.

D. Preparation of 1-benzyloxy-4-ethyl-3-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene.

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4-Benzyloxy-2-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)acetophenone (1.0 g) was dissolved in carbon tetrachloride (3 mL). At room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere, trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) was added followed by triethylsilane (3 mL). After stirring for 1.5 hours, the reaction was  
10 diluted with methylene chloride and the organic layer was washed several times with a saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic material was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with 1% ethyl acetate/hexane  
15 giving 0.620 g of desired title compound.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (m, 5), 7.04 (d, 1, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.72 (s, 1), 6.70 (dd, 1, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.02 (s, 2), 4.07 (t, 2, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.74 (t, 2, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.56 (q, 2, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.25 (m, 2), 1.16 (t, 3, J = 8.0 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3011, 2958, 2912,  
20 2876, 1612, 1505, 1455 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

E. Preparation of 2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene.

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To a solution of 1-benzyloxy-4-ethyl-3-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (39.5 g, 0.13 mol) in carbon tetrachloride (500 mL) at room temperature was added solid N-bromosuccinimide (23.1 g, 0.13 mol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours. The reaction was diluted with methylene chloride and washed with water.  
30 The organic extract was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was chromatographed on a Waters Prep 500 HPLC. The desired title aryl bromide (27.1 g) was obtained in 55% yield.

35 NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.22 (m, 7), 6.50 (s, 1), 5.13 (s, 2), 4.04 (t, 2, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.74 (t, 2, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.53 (q, 2, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.22 (m, 2), 1.14 (t, 3, J =

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8.0 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3012, 2971, 1602, 1500, 1454 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec (FD) (m/z) 384 (M<sup>+</sup>), 304.

Analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BrCl:

	Calc: C,	56.34;	H,	5.25;	
5	Found:	C,	56.55;	H,	5.36.

F. Preparation of ethyl 7-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate.

10        2-Benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)-benzene (5.09 g, 13.3 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (60 mL), and solid sodium iodide (20 g, 133 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed under an argon atmosphere for 18 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, quenched with water, then extracted three  
15 times with diethyl ether. The organic extracts were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate, and filtered to give 6.27 g of a yellow oil.

A solution of ethyl 3,4-dihydro-7-hydroxy-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate (2.1 g, 8.1 mmol) in dimethylformamide (5 mL) was added to a suspension of sodium hydride (324 mg, 8.1 mol, 60%  
20 oil dispersion) in 10 mL of dry dimethylformamide under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring the reaction mixture for 30 minutes, a mixture of the alkyl iodide (3.8 g, 8.1 mmol) prepared above and 18-crown-6 (110 mg, 0.4 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for 1.5 hours at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water and  
25 then extracted several times with ethyl acetate. The organic material was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with 6% ethyl acetate/hexane to give 2.5 g (86.3%) of desired title product.

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TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.61 (20% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60-7.30 (m, 6), 6.85 (d, 1, J = 8.50 Hz), 6.55 (s, 1), 6.46 (d, 1, J = 8.50 Hz), 5.13 (s, 2), 4.75 (m, 1), 4.40-4.10 (m, 6), 2.90-2.50 (m, 6), 2.40-2.10 (m, 4), 1.60 (m, 2), 1.30 (t, 3, J = 7.40 Hz), 1.15 (t, 3, J = 7.50 Hz),

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0.95 (t, 3, J = 7.30 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3019, 2969, 1730, 1590, 1492 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  
Mass Spec. (FAB) (m/z) 611 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Br:

5                    Calc: C,    64.81;            H,    6.42; Br, 13.07;  
                    Found:    C,    65.10;            H,    6.52; Br, 12.89.

G.    Preparation of ethyl 7-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-5-ethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate.

10            Ethyl 7-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-  
             dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate (1.3 g, 2.24 mmol) was  
             stirred in 40 mL of benzene under an argon atmosphere. To this  
             solution was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.40 g,  
             0.35 mmol) and sodium bicarbonate (10 mL of a 2M aqueous solution).  
15            An ethanol solution (10 mL) of phenylboronic acid (1.3 g, 10.7 mmol) was  
             added to the above reaction mixture, and then the reaction mixture was  
             refluxed for 21 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature,  
             quenched with a saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution,  
             diluted with water and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic  
20            layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and filtered. The filtrate was  
             concentrated under vacuum providing 1.3 g of a brown solid. The solid  
             was dissolved in 20% ethyl acetate/hexane and filtered through 35 g of  
             Merck 60 silica gel eluting with 500 mL of 20% ethyl acetate/hexane. The  
             resulting 1.0 g of yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography on  
25            silica gel eluting with 18% ethyl acetate/hexane. The desired title ester  
             (0.875 g, 64%) was obtained as a yellow oil.

TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.65 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72 (d, 2, J = 7.13 Hz), 7.46 (m, 8), 7.29 (s, 1), 6.93 (d, 1, J =  
30            8.40 Hz), 6.75 (s, 1), 6.60 (d, 1, J = 8.40), 5.13 (s, 2), 4.85 (m, 1), 4.31 (m, 6),  
             2.80 (m, 6), 2.35 (m, 4), 1.75 (m, 2), 1.39 (t, 3, J = 7.10 Hz), 1.35 (t, 3, J =  
             7.50 Hz), 1.11 (t, 3, J = 7.33 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3010, 2965, 1769, 1612, 1409  
             cm<sup>-1</sup>, Mass Spec (FAB) (m/z) 608 (M<sup>+</sup>), 519.

Analysis for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

35                    Calc: C,    76.94;            H,    7.29;

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Found: C, 75.70; H, 7.39.

H. Preparation of ethyl 7-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate.

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Hydrogen gas was bubbled for 15 minutes through a 10 mL ethyl acetate solution of ethyl 7-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-5-ethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate (0.850 g, 1.4 mmol) containing 0.14 g of 10% Pd/C catalyst. A hydrogen atmosphere was maintained over the reaction mixture, and the reaction was stirred for 4 days. The reaction was filtered through a Celite® pad in a sintered glass funnel and the catalyst was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was removed from the filtrate providing a clear oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with 20% ethyl acetate/hexane. The desired title phenol (0.354 g, 49%) was obtained as a clear oil.

TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.32 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)  
NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51 (d, 4, J = 4.43 Hz), 7.40 (m, 1), 7.08 (s, 1), 6.86 (d, 1, J = 8.26 Hz), 6.60 (s, 1), 6.54 (d, 1, J = 8.29 Hz), 5.41 (s, 1), 4.80 (m, 1), 4.26 (m, 6), 2.73 (m, 6), 2.30 (m, 4), 1.65 (m, 2), 1.33 (t, 3, J = 6.94 Hz), 1.26 (t, 3, J = 7.39 Hz), 1.02 (t, 3, J = 7.33 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3026, 2967, 1749, 1612, 1488 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FAB) (m/z) 519 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 518 (M<sup>+</sup>), 305.

Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

25                    Calc: C, 74.11; H, 7.39;  
                    Found: C, 72.40; H, 7.14.

I. Preparation of 7-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid.

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A solution of ethyl 7-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate (0.367 g, 0.71 mmol) in 4 mL of dioxane was treated with 1.10 mL of 2N sodium hydroxide solution and stirred at room temperature. After 1.25 hours at room temperature, the dioxane was removed under vacuum and the remaining aqueous solution was diluted with water and acidified

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to pH 1 with 5N hydrochloric acid. The resulting suspension was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was dried over magnesium sulfate and filtered. The resulting white solid was recrystallized from toluene/hexane. The title acid was obtained as a  
 5 white crystalline solid (0.245 g, 71%).

TLC: Rf = 0.25 (10% methanol/methylene chloride, streak)

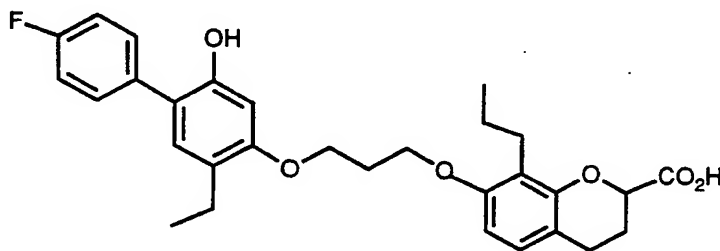
NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 (m, 6), 7.02 (s, 1), 6.86 (d, 1, J = 8.57 Hz), 6.56 (s, 1),  
 6.53 (d, 1, J = 8.28 Hz), 5.30 (br s, 1), 4.78 (dd, 1, J = 3.70, 7.50 Hz), 4.20 (t,  
 10 2, J = 6.02 Hz), 4.18 (t, 2, J = 6.04 Hz), 2.69 (m, 8), 2.26 (m, 6), 1.55 (m, 2),  
 1.19 (t, 3, J = 7.48 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3, J = 7.31 Hz); IR (KBr) 3426, 2959, 2870,  
 1718, 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec (FAB) (m/z) 491 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 490 (M<sup>+</sup>), 277.

Analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

	Calc: C,	73.45;	H,	6.99;
15	Found:	C,	73.53;	H,
				6.82.

### Example 55

8-Propyl-7-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-  
 20 dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid



A. Preparation of ethyl 8-propyl-7-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-  
 25 5-benzyloxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-  
 carboxylate.

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.659 g, 0.6 mmol) and  
 aqueous sodium carbonate solution (20 mL of a 2M solution) were added  
 30 to a 30 mL benzene solution of ethyl 7-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-  
 yl)oxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-8-propyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate

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- (2.163 g, 3.5 mmol) under an argon atmosphere. The reaction was refluxed for 17 hours, then cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by Waters Prep 500 silica gel chromatography eluting with a gradient of 5% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexane over 50 minutes. The desired title biphenyl was obtained as a clear oil (1.722 g, 78%).
- 10 NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (m, 2), 7.32 (m, 5), 7.09 (m, 3), 6.83 (d, 1,  $J = 8.32$  Hz), 6.62 (s, 1), 6.49 (d, 1,  $J = 8.50$  Hz), 5.02 (s, 2), 4.75 (dd, 1,  $J = 4.10, 6.50$  Hz), 4.22 (m, 6), 2.69 (m, 6), 2.25 (m, 4), 1.59 (m, 2), 1.30 (t, 3,  $J = 7.10$  Hz), 1.21 (t, 3,  $J = 7.42$  Hz), 0.96 (t, 3,  $J = 7.33$  Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3019, 2968, 1745, 1611, 1495 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FAB) ( $m/z$ ) 627 ( $M^+ + 1$ ), 626 ( $M^+$ ), 536.
- 15 Analysis for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

Calc: C,	74.74;	H,	6.91;	F,	3.03;
Found:	C, 74.98;	H,	7.05;	F,	3.39.

- B. Preparation of ethyl 8-propyl-7-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate.
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- Hydrogen gas was bubbled for 10 minutes through a solution of ethyl 8-propyl-7-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate (1.610 g, 2.57 mmol) in 30 mL of ethyl acetate containing 1.0 g of 10% Pd/C catalyst. The reaction was stirred at room temperature under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through a Celite® pad in a sintered glass funnel and the catalyst was washed with ethyl acetate. The solvent was removed from the filtrate providing 1.242 g of a clear oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography on Merck silica gel eluting with 20% ethyl acetate/hexane. The desired title phenol was obtained in 74% yield (1.020 g) as a white solid.
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- 35 TLC:  $R_f = 0.35$  (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

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NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (m, 2), 7.16 (dd, 2, J = 5.97, 5.97 Hz), 6.98 (s, 1), 6.82 (d, 1, J = 8.44 Hz), 6.53 (s, 1), 6.46 (d, 1, J = 9.43 Hz), 5.07 (s, 1), 4.76 (m, 1), 4.21 (m, 6), 2.67 (m, 6), 2.26 (m, 4), 1.58 (m, 2), 1.29 (t, 3, J = 6.96 Hz), 1.91 (t, 3, J = 7.35 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3, J = 7.27 Hz); IR (KBr) 3434, 2962, 2869, 1738, 1614, 1588, 1502 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec (FAB) (m/z) 537 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 536 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

Calc: C,	71.62;	H,	6.95;
Found: C,	71.63;	H,	7.06.

C. Preparation of 8-propyl-7-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid.

A dioxane (12 mL) solution of ethyl 8-propyl-7-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-carboxylate (0.968 g, 1.8 mmol) was treated with sodium hydroxide (2.71 mL of a 2N solution) and stirred at room temperature. After 2.5 hours at room temperature, the dioxane was removed from the reaction mixture and the remaining material was diluted with water and acidified to pH 1 with 5N hydrochloric acid. The resulting white milky suspension was then stirred with ethyl acetate and subsequently extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent removed to give a white solid (1.098 g). The solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate/hexane to give the title acid as white needle-like crystals (0.568 g, 62%).

TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.31 (10% methanol/methylene chloride)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (m, 2), 7.15 (dd, 2, J = 8.68), 6.98 (s, 1), 6.85 (d, 1, J = 8.30 Hz), 6.53 (s, 1), 6.52 (d, 1, J = 6.98 Hz), 4.77 (dd, 1, J = 3.63, 7.43 Hz), 4.18 (m, 4), 2.70 (m, 6), 2.27 (m, 4), 1.56 (m, 2), 1.19 (t, 3, J = 7.42 Hz), 0.95 (t, 3, J = 7.30 Hz); IR (KBr) 3421, 2959, 2871, 1706, 1615, 1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec (FAB) (m/z) 509 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 508 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

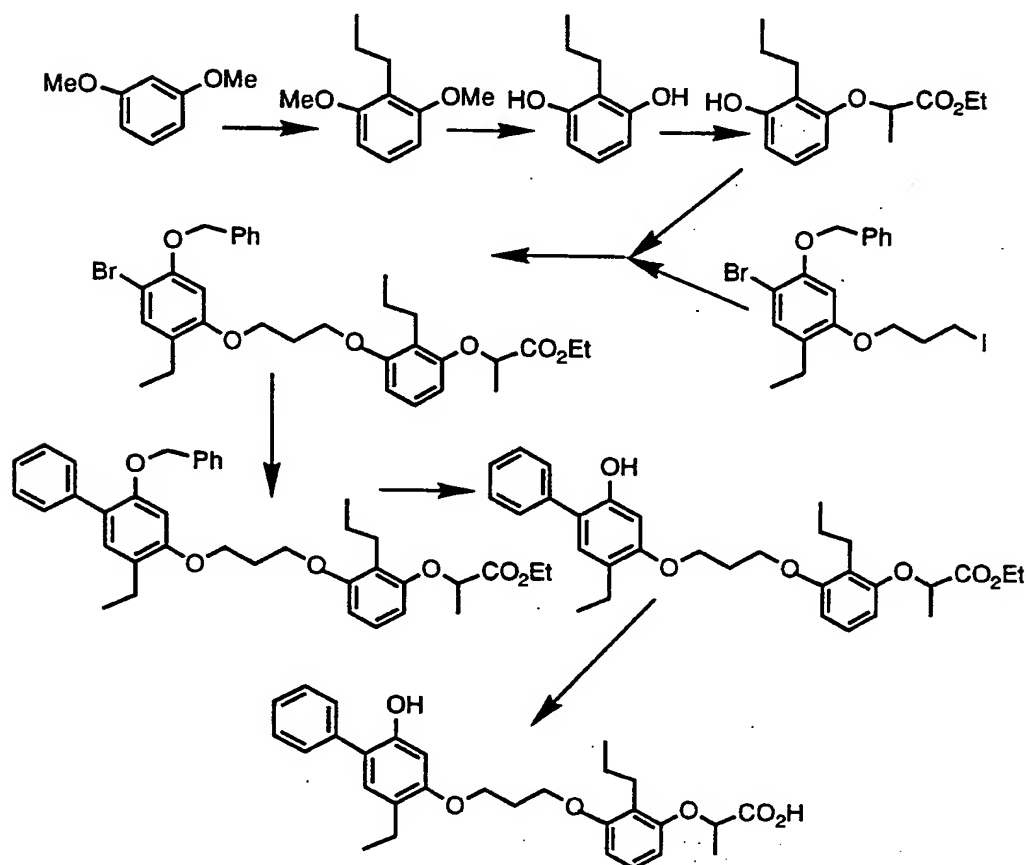
Calc: C,	70.78;	H,	6.54;
Found: C,	70.05;	H,	6.82.



Example 56

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## 2-[3-[3-[(5-Ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]propanoic acid



## A. Preparation of 2-propyl-1,3-dimethoxybenzene.

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1,3-Dimethoxybenzene (20 g, 145 mmol) in 200 mL of dry tetrahydrofuran was cooled to -10°C. To this solution at -10°C was added n-butyllithium (100 mL of a 1.6 M solution in hexane, 160 mmol) over 20 minutes. The reaction was then stirred for 2.5 hours at 0°C. At 0°C, propyl iodide (24.65 g, 145 mmol) was added slowly over 15 minutes. When the addition was complete, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. After stirring overnight, the

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reaction was refluxed for 1.5 hours, then cooled to room temperature and quenched with ice. The tetrahydrofuran was removed under vacuum, and the resulting aqueous layer was extracted several times with diethyl ether. The organic extract was dried over magnesium sulfate and filtered to give a clear oil after solvent removal (26.11 g). The oil was purified by vacuum distillation to provide the title intermediate (24.0 g, 92%).

Bp 80-82°C at 10 mm Hg.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (t, 1, J = 8.30 Hz), 6.58 (d, 2, J = 8.30 Hz), 3.85 (s, 6), 2.67 (t, 2, J = 7.57 Hz), 1.56 (m, 2), 0.99 (t, 3, J = 7.35 Hz).

B. Preparation of 2-propyl-1,3-dihydroxybenzene.

A mixture of solid 1,3-dimethoxy-2-propylbenzene (33.70 g, 190 mmol) and solid pyridine hydrochloride (150 g, 1.30 mol) was warmed to 180°C. After 7.5 hours the reaction was cooled to 110°C and 50 mL of water was added slowly. After the reaction cooled to room temperature, it was diluted with 100 mL of water and extracted several times with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate extract was washed once with 2N hydrochloric acid and then dried over magnesium sulfate. Filtration and solvent removal gave 38.5 g of an orange solid. The title product was purified by recrystallization from dichloromethane providing 11.86 g (41%) of yellow crystals.

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.94 (t, 1, J = 8.10 Hz), 6.40 (d, 2, J = 8.10 Hz), 4.84 (s, 2), 2.63 (t, 2, J = 7.57 Hz), 1.62 (m, 2), 1.01 (t, 3, J = 7.33 Hz).

C. Preparation of ethyl 2-(2-propyl-3-hydroxyphenoxy)-propanoate.

Sodium hydride (1.08 g of a 60% oil dispersion, 27 mmol) under an argon atmosphere was washed with 15 mL of dry hexane. The hexane supernatant was removed via syringe. Dry tetrahydrofuran (60 mL) was added to the sodium hydride and, with stirring at room temperature, the

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2-propyl-1,3-dihydroxybenzene (4.08 g, 27 mmol) was added as a 40 mL tetrahydrofuran solution. After stirring at room temperature for 25 minutes, the ethyl 2-bromopropionate (4.64 g, 26 mmol) was added rapidly. After stirring at room temperature for 17 hours, the reaction  
5 was quenched with a saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and the tetrahydrofuran was removed under vacuum. The resulting aqueous mixture was extracted several times with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was dried over magnesium sulfate. Filtration and solvent removal gave an orange oil. This oil was purified by flash  
10 chromatography on Merck silica gel eluting with 20% ethyl acetate/hexane. The desired title ester was obtained as a white solid (2.43 g, 36%).

TLC: Rf = 0.47 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

15 NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.93 (dd, 1, J = 8.00 Hz), 6.45 (d, 1, J = 8.00 Hz), 6.30 (d, 1, J = 8.00 Hz), 5.77 (s, 1), 4.76 (q, 1, J = 6.76 Hz), 4.23 (q, 2, J = 7.02 Hz), 2.69 (m, 2), 1.63 (d, 3, J = 6.70 Hz), 1.60 (m, 2), 1.28 (t, 3, J = 7.50 Hz), 0.99 (t, 3, J = 7.50 Hz); IR (KBr) 3435, 2955, 2872, 1733, 1600, 1500, 1465 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FD) (m/z) 253 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

20 Analysis for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc: C,	66.65;	H,	7.99;
Found:	C, 66.41;	H,	8.04.

D. Preparation of ethyl 2-[3-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]propanoate.  
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The title compound was prepared using ethyl 2-(2-propyl-3-hydroxyphenoxy)propanoate as described for Example 54(F). The title intermediate was obtained in 68% yield (2.90 g) as a clear oil.

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TLC: Rf = 0.47 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56-7.37 (m, 6), 7.12 (t, 1, J = 8.20 Hz), 6.62 (d, 1, J = 8.35 Hz), 6.59 (s, 1), 6.45 (d, 1, J = 8.31 Hz), 5.16 (s, 2), 4.80 (q, 1, J = 6.90 Hz), 4.26 (q, 2, J = 7.20 Hz), 4.18 (dd, 4, J = 5.91, 12.02 Hz), 2.80 (m, 2), 2.62 (q, 2, J = 7.47 Hz), 2.31 (m, 2), 1.69 (d, 3, J = 6.70 Hz), 1.65 (m, 2), 1.30 (t, 3, J = 7.20 Hz), 1.22 (t, 3, J = 7.54 Hz), 1.03 (t, 3, J = 7.35 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3015,  
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2967, 2930, 2780, 1752, 1595, 1500, 1464  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; Mass Spec. (FAB) ( $m/z$ ) 599 ( $M^+$ ).

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_6\text{Br}$ :

5                    Calc: C,    64.11;            H,    6.56; Br, 13.33;  
                  Found:    C,    64.01;            H,    6.56; Br, 13.06.

E.    Preparation of ethyl 2-[3-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-5-ethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]-propanoate.

10            Prepared from ethyl 2-[3-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]propanoate as described for Example 54(G). The title intermediate was obtained in 47% yield as a clear oil.

TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.48 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

15    NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.10 (d, 2,  $J$  = 8.06 Hz), 7.44 (m, 8), 7.27 (s, 1), 7.15 (t, 1,  $J$  = 8.14 Hz), 6.72 (s, 1), 6.66 (d, 1,  $J$  = 8.27 Hz), 6.48 (d, 1,  $J$  = 8.27 Hz), 5.11 (s, 2), 4.83 (q, 1,  $J$  = 6.71 Hz), 4.28 (m, 6), 2.78 (m, 4), 2.38 (m, 2), 1.72 (d, 3,  $J$  = 6.96 Hz), 1.69 (m, 2), 1.32 (t, 3,  $J$  = 7.29 Hz), 1.31 (t, 3,  $J$  = 7.30 Hz), 1.08 (t, 3,  $J$  = 7.36 Hz); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) 3015, 2966, 2930, 2880, 1750, 1594, 1488, 1464  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  
20    Mass Spec. (FAB) ( $m/z$ ) 597 ( $M^{++1}$ ), 596 ( $M^+$ ).

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_6$ :

                  Calc: C,    76.48;            H,    7.43;  
                  Found:    C,    76.42;            H,    7.52.

25            F.    Preparation of ethyl 2-[3-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]-propanoate.

                  Prepared from ethyl 2-[3-[3-[(2-benzyloxy-5-ethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]propanoate as described for Example  
30    54(H). The title intermediate was obtained in 53% yield as a clear oil.

TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.36 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

                  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43 (m, 5), 7.06 (d, 1,  $J$  = 8.84 Hz), 6.56 (s, 1), 6.37 (d, 1,  $J$  = 8.28 Hz), 5.20 (s, 1), 4.74 (q, 1,  $J$  = 6.73 Hz), 4.20 (m, 6), 2.71 (m, 2), 2.61  
35    (q, 2,  $J$  = 7.58 Hz), 2.33 (t, 2,  $J$  = 6.05 Hz), 1.61 (d, 3,  $J$  = 6.94 Hz), 1.58 (m,

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2), 1.25 (t, 3, J = 7.30 Hz), 1.19 (t, 3, J = 7.40 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3, J = 7.35 Hz); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3558, 3029, 3011, 2964, 2935, 2873, 1745, 1625, 1593, 1488, 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FAB) (m/z) 507 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 506 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

5                    Calc: C,    73.49;            H,    7.56;  
                    Found:    C,    73.70;            H,    7.67.

G.    Preparation of 2-[3-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]propanoic acid.

10                    Prepared from ethyl 2-[3-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]propanoate as described for Example 54(I). The title product was crystallized from toluene/hexane and obtained as white tufts (0.582 g, 80%).

15                    TLC: R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21 (10% methanol/methylene chloride)

20                    NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 (m, 5), 7.09 (t, 1, J = 8.16 Hz), 7.03 (s, 1), 6.60 (d, 1, J = 8.28 Hz), 6.56 (s, 1), 6.42 (d, 1, J = 8.29 Hz), 4.79 (q, 1, J = 7.00 Hz), 4.20 (m, 4), 2.70 (m, 2), 2.62 (q, 2, J = 7.49 Hz), 2.33 (t, 2, J = 6.00 Hz), 1.67 (d, 3, J = 6.93 Hz), 1.56 (m, 2), 1.20 (t, 3, J = 7.39 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3, J = 7.30 Hz); IR (KBr) 3381, 2964, 2871, 1707, 1615, 1594, 1490, 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FAB) (m/z) 479 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 478 (M<sup>+</sup>).

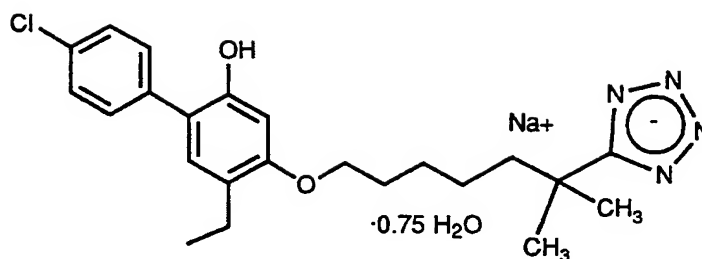
                    Analysis for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

25                    Calc: C,    72.78;            H,    7.16;  
                    Found:    C,    73.39;            H,    7.29.

#### Example 57

30                    2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol monosodium salt

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A. Preparation of 1-benzyloxy-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]benzene.

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The title intermediate was prepared from 1-benzyloxy-2-bromo-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]benzene and 4-chlorophenyl boronic acid via the biaryl coupling procedure Method A (Preparation 73(E)). The title intermediate was obtained as a white solid in 67% yield.

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TLC Rf = 0.51 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (d, 2, J = 8.95 Hz), 7.32 (m, 7), 7.12 (s, 1), 6.75 (s, 1), 5.05 (s, 2), 3.98 (t, 2, J = 6.15 Hz), 2.63 (q, 2, J = 7.54 Hz), 1.85 (m, 2), 1.58 (br s, 6), 1.38 (s, 6), 1.22 (t, 3, J = 7.49 Hz); IR (KBr) 2973, 2937, 2858, 2235, 1609, 1580, 1561, 1518, 1498 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec (FD) (m/z) 476 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

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Analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl:

Calc: C, 75.69; H, 7.20; N, 2.94; Cl, 7.45;

Found: C, 75.95; H, 7.29; N, 2.78; Cl, 7.68.

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B. Preparation of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]phenol.

Prepared in 97% yield from 1-benzyloxy-2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyl]oxybenzene via catalytic hydrogenation as described in Example 54(H). White solid.

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TLC Rf= 0.33 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43 (m, 4), 7.00 (s, 1), 6.50 (s, 1), 5.11 (s, 1), 3.99 (t, 2, J = 6.22 Hz), 2.62 (q, 2, J = 7.45 Hz), 1.87 (t, 2, J = 6.64 Hz), 1.63 (br s, 6), 1.38 (s, 6), 1.20 (t, 3, J = 7.63 Hz); IR (KBr) 3400, 2940, 2860, 2237, 1618, 1514, 1489, 1468 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec (FD) (m/z) 385 (M<sup>+</sup>), 350.

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Analysis for  $C_{23}H_{28}NO_2Cl$ :

Calc: C, 71.58; H, 7.31; N, 3.63; Cl, 9.19;

Found: C, 71.73; H, 7.55; N, 3.87; Cl, 9.11.

- 5 C. Preparation of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol monosodium salt.

10 The title product was prepared in 38% yield from 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]phenol via the procedure of Examples 42-49 and obtained as a white lyophilate.

TLC  $R_f$  = 0.26 (10% methanol/methylene chloride)

15 NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (d, 2,  $J$  = 8.53 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2,  $J$  = 8.38 Hz), 6.98 (s, 1), 6.67 (s, 1), 3.82 (t, 2,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz), 1.20 (m, 5), 1.24 (s, 6), 1.07 (t, 3,  $J$  = 7.42 Hz); IR (KBr) 3300 (br), 2936, 1616, 1489  $cm^{-1}$ ; Mass Spec (FAB) ( $m/z$ ) 473 ( $M^{++1+2Na}$ ), 451 ( $M^{++1+Na}$ ).

Analysis for  $C_{23}H_{28}N_4O_2ClNa \cdot 0.75 H_2O$ :

Calc: C, 59.42; H, 6.40; N, 12.06; Cl, 7.53;

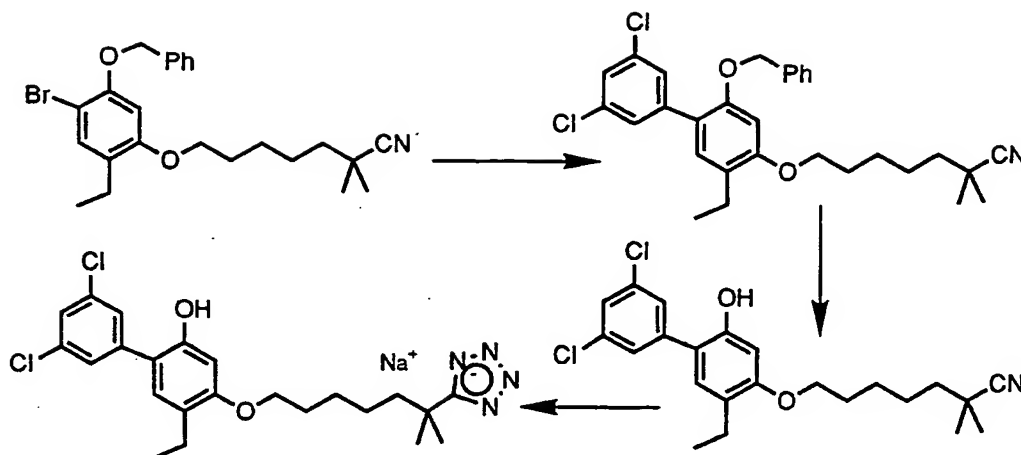
Found: C, 59.57; H, 6.43; N, 11.89; Cl, 7.08.

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Example 58

25 2-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol monosodium salt

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A. Preparation of 1-benzyloxy-2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]benzene.

The title dichlorobiphenyl was prepared from 1-benzyloxy-2-bromo-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]benzene and 3,5-dichlorophenyl boronic acid via the biaryl coupling procedure Method A. The title product was obtained as a white solid in 54% yield.

TLC Rf = 0.47 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55 (d, 2, J = 2.14 Hz), 7.37 (m, 6), 7.17 (s, 1), 6.63 (s, 1), 5.13 (s, 2), 4.04 (t, 2, J = 6.22 Hz), 2.70 (q, 2, J = 7.54 Hz), 1.90 (m, 2), 1.63 (m, 4), 1.42 (s, 6), 1.29 (t, 3, J = 7.44 Hz); IR (KBr) 2972, 2941, 2859, 2233, 1612, 1583, 1558, 1506, 1484, 1387 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FD) (m/z) 510 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

Analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C, 70.58; H, 6.52; N, 2.74; Cl, 13.89;

Found: C, 70.58; H, 6.60; N, 2.58; Cl, 13.54.

B. Preparation of 2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]phenol.

The title phenol was prepared in 72% yield from 1-benzyloxy-2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyloxy]-benzene via catalytic hydrogenation as described in Example 54(H). White solid.



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TLC Rf= 0.37 (30% ethyl acetate/hexane)

NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, 2, J = 1.3 Hz), 7.31 (s, 1), 6.97 (s, 1), 6.45 (s, 1), 5.11 (s, 1), 3.97 (t, 2, J = 6.26 Hz), 2.58 (q, 2, J = 7.49 Hz), 1.85 (m, 2), 1.56 (m, 6),  
5 1.35 (s, 6), 1.17 (t, 3, J = 7.49 Hz); IR (KBr) 3360, 2977, 2940, 2856, 2247,  
1617, 1582, 1554, 1516, 1468 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FD) (m/z) 419 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:

Calc: C, 65.71; H, 6.47; N, 3.33; Cl, 16.88;

Found: C, 65.58; H, 6.44; N, 3.15; Cl, 17.05.

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C. Preparation of 2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)heptyloxy]phenol monosodium salt.

The title product was prepared in 13% yield from 2-(3,5-  
15 dichlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-5-[6-methyl-6-cyanoheptyl]oxyphenol via the  
procedure of Examples 42-49 and obtained as a white lyophilate.

TLC Rf = 0.26 (10% methanol/methylene chloride)

NMR (d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, 2, J = 1.96 Hz), 7.39 (m, 1), 7.06 (s, 1), 6.66 (s,  
20 1), 3.82 (m, 2), 3.38 (br s, 1), 2.44 (q, 2, J = 7.48 Hz), 1.59 (m, 3), 1.26 (m, 6),  
1.24 (s, 6), 1.06 (t, 3, J = 7.46 Hz); IR (KBr) 3408, 2936, 1617, 1585, 1557,  
1512, 1376 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Mass Spec. (FAB) (m/z) 485 (M<sup>+</sup>+1+Na), 463 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Na:

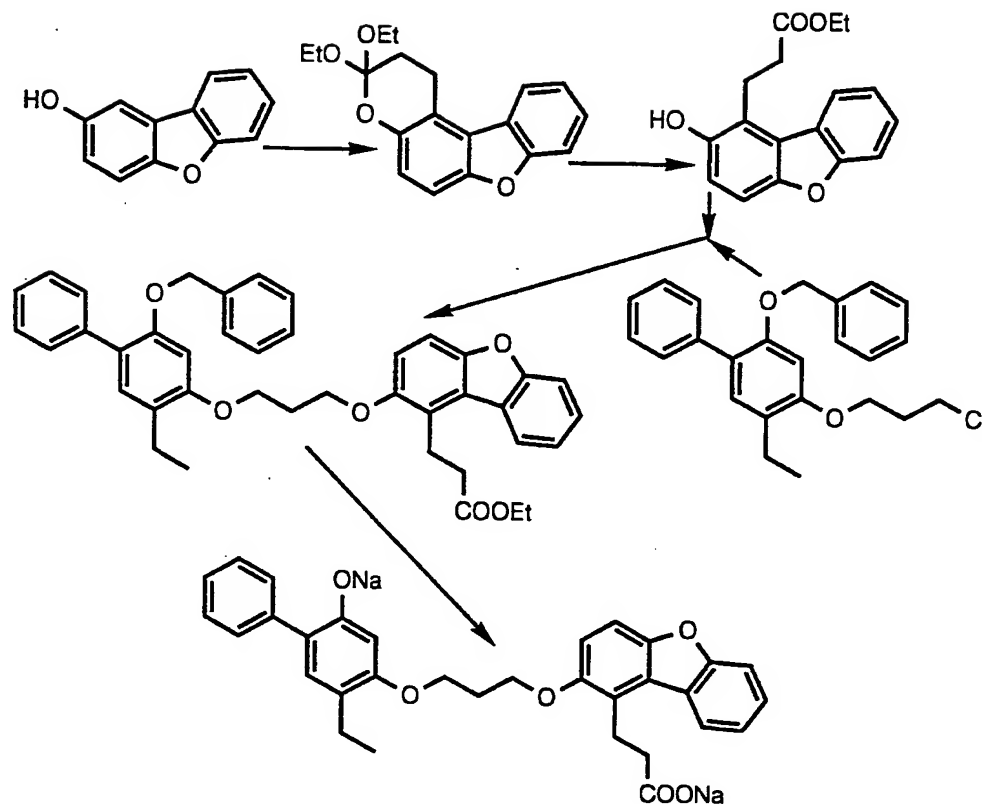
Calc: C, 56.91; H, 5.61; N, 11.54; Cl, 14.61;

25 Found: C, 56.80; H, 5.73; N, 11.39; Cl, 14.37.

### Example 59

3-[2-[3-[(5-Ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-1-  
30 dibenzofuran]propanoic acid disodium salt

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A. Preparation of 3,3-diethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzofuro-[3,2-f][1]benzopyran.

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A solution of 2-hydroxydibenzofuran (5.00 g, 27.2 mmol), triethylorthoacrylate (10.1 g, 54.3 mmol) and pivalic acid (1.39 g, 13.6 mmol) in toluene (100 mL) was refluxed for 18 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and washed once with water and once with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide an orange oil. This material was diluted with hexane and maintained at -20°C for 18 hours. The resulting crystals were collected via vacuum filtration to provide 5.67 g (67%) of the desired title intermediate, mp 64°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H);

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MS-FD m/e 312 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2982, 1494, 1476, 1451, 1434, 1251, 1090, 1054, 975.

Analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

5	Calc:	C,	73.06;	H,	6.45;
	Found:	C,	72.81;	H,	6.72.

B. Preparation of 3-[1-(2-hydroxydibenzofuran)]-propanoic acid ethyl ester.

10 A mixture of 3,3-diethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzofuro-[3,2-f][1]benzopyran (3.50 g, 11.2 mmol) and 10% aqueous hydrochloric acid (5 mL) in ethyl acetate (30 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The resulting mixture was washed once with water, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a tan solid.

15 Recrystallization from hexane/ethyl acetate provided 3.11 g (98%) of the desired title intermediate as an off-white crystalline material: mp 128-131°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (q, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 284 (100, p), 256 (65), 238 (17); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2985 (b), 1701, 1430, 1226, 1183, 1080.

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Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

25	Calc:	C,	71.82;	H,	5.67;
	Found:	C,	71.90;	H,	5.43.

C. Preparation of 3-[2-[3-[[5-ethyl-2-(phenylmethoxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]oxy]propoxy]-1-dibenzofuran]propanoic acid ethyl ester.

30 3-[1-(2-Hydroxydibenzofuran)]propanoic acid ethyl ester (625 mg, 2.20 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL) and carefully treated at room temperature with 95% sodium hydride (58 mg, 2.4 mmol). When gas evolution had ceased, 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (836 mg, 2.20 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 18 hours. The mixture was diluted

35 with ether and washed once with water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a

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dark oil. Silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 200 mg (14%) of the desired titled intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.11 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.44 (m, 10 H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.29 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (m, 4H), 2.37 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (m, 6H).

D. Preparation of 3-[2-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-hydroxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-1-dibenzofuran]propanoic acid disodium salt.

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To a nitrogen-purged solution of 3-[2-[3-[(5-ethyl-2-(phenylmethoxy)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)oxy]propoxy]-1-dibenzofuran]propanoic acid ethyl ester (200 mg, 0.318 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of methanol/tetrahydrofuran (40 mL) was added 10% palladium on carbon (25 mg). The resulting suspension was hydrogenated at 1 atm pressure for 24 hours at room temperature. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of Florisil® and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of methanol/tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) and treated with 5N sodium hydroxide solution (2 mL) at room temperature for 24 hours. The resulting mixture was extracted once with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was acidified with 5N hydrochloric acid solution and extracted twice with methylene chloride. The combined methylene chloride fractions were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in a minimum of 1N sodium hydroxide solution and purified on HP-20 resin to provide 53 mg (30%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 8.12 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.57 (m, 5H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 4H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 555 (88, p + 1), 533 (62); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3384 (b), 2969, 1566, 1428, 1257, 1181.

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Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>:

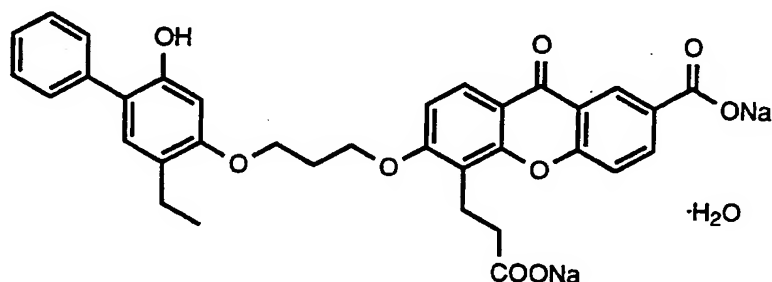
Calc:	C,	69.31;	H,	5.09;
Found:	C,	69.51;	H,	5.39.

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#### Example 60

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7-Carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy]-9H-xanthene-4-propanoic acid disodium salt monohydrate



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 A mixture of 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (749 mg, 1.97 mmol), ethyl 7-carboethoxy-3-hydroxy-9-oxo-9H-xanthene-4-propanoate (729 mg, 1.97 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.36 g, 9.85 mmol) and potassium iodide (33 mg, 0.20 mmol)  
 10 was refluxed for 24 hours. Dimethylsulfoxide (2 mL) was added and heating continued for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, and washed once with water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal a tan solid. This material was dissolved  
 15 in ethyl acetate (30 mL) and the resulting solution purged with nitrogen. To this solution was added 10% palladium on carbon (120 mg) and the resulting suspension hydrogenated at 1 atmosphere of pressure. The solution was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a colorless oil.  
 20 This material was dissolved in a solution of 1:1 methanol/tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) and treated with 5N sodium hydroxide solution (2 mL) at room temperature for 18 hours. The resulting solution was extracted once with diethyl ether and the aqueous layer acidified with 5N hydrochloric acid solution. The resulting  
 25 precipitate was collected via suction filtration. This material was converted to the di-sodium salt and purified as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) to provide 390 mg (56%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 12.65 (s, 1H, -OH), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (m, 3H),  
 30 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.26 (m, 4H),

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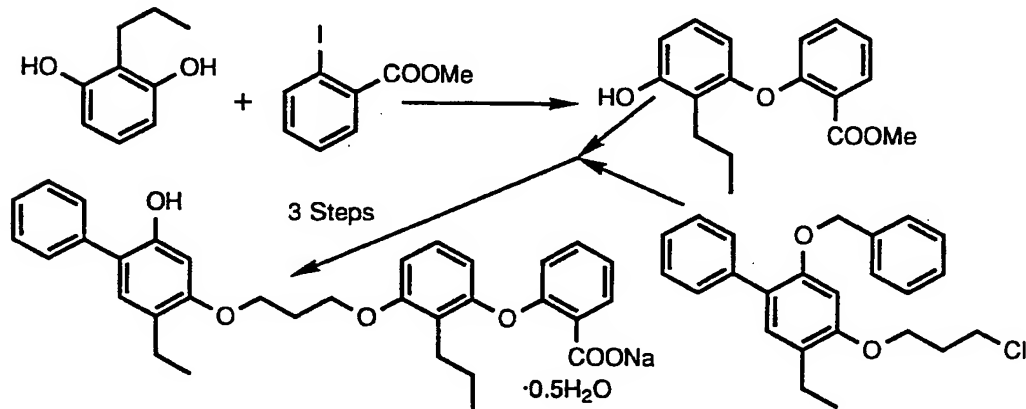
3.12 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.10 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H); MS-FAB  $m/e$  627 (24, p), 605 (40), 583 (24), 331 (24), 309 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3419 (b), 2962, 1612, 1558, 1443, 1390, 1277, 1084.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_9\text{Na}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ :

5	Calc:	C,	63.34;	H,	4.69;
	Found:	C,	63.36;	H,	4.50.

### Example 61

10 2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)-propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid sodium salt hemihydrate



15 A. Preparation of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)-benzoic acid methyl ester.

A mixture of 1,3-dihydroxy-2-propylbenzene (75.0 g, 0.490 mol), methyl 2-iodobenzoate (129 g, 0.490 mol), copper bronze (47.0 g, 0.740 mol) and potassium carbonate (81.7 g, 0.592 mol) in dry pyridine (1L) was thoroughly de-gassed with nitrogen, then refluxed for 6 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal a dark sludge. This material was dissolved in ethyl acetate and passed down a short (~ 500  $\text{cm}^3$ ) Florisil® column. The resulting solution was washed twice with a saturated copper sulfate solution and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in methylene chloride, washed once with a 0.5 N sodium hydroxide

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solution, and washed once with a dilute sodium hydroxide solution. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a clear brown oil. Silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 45.4 g (32%) of the desired title intermediate as a white solid: mp 80°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.92 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (bs, 1H, -OH), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (hextet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 286 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3350 (b), 2950, 1718, 1602, 1480, 1306, 1255, 1086, 981.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc:	C,	71.31;	H,	6.34;
Found:	C,	71.53;	H,	6.37.

B. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid sodium salt hemihydrate.

2-(3-Hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (450 mg, 1.57 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene, de-benzylated, and hydrolyzed as described above for the preparation of Example 60 except that dimethylsulfoxide was omitted. Salt formation and purification as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) provided 200 mg (21%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.02 (m, 2H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (hextet, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 549 (100, p + 1), 526 (32), 295 (28), 252 (34), 227 (20), 213 (21); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3450 (b), 2974, 1602, 1586, 1461, 1393, 1240, 1113, 1048.

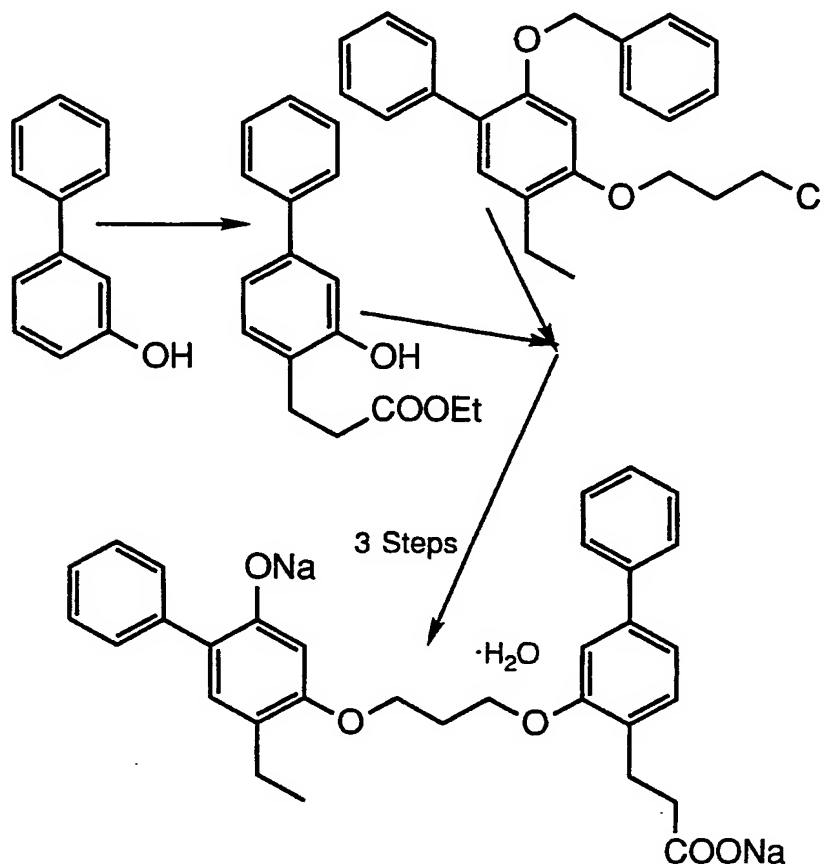
Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na·0.5 H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calc:	C,	71.22;	H,	5.94;
Found:	C,	71.42;	H,	6.16.

#### Example 62

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3-[3-(2-Ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy][1,1'-biphenyl]-4-propanoic acid disodium salt monohydrate



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A. Preparation of 3-[(2-hydroxy-4-phenyl)phenyl]-propanoic acid ethyl ester.

- 10 A mixture of 3-phenylphenol (5.00 g, 29.4 mmol), triethylorthoacrylate (10.9 g, 58.8 mmol) and pivalic acid (1.50 g, 14.7 mmol) in toluene (100 mL) was refluxed for 24 hours. The resulting solution was cooled to room temperature and washed once with water and once with dilute sodium hydroxide solution. The organic layer was
- 15 dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a colorless oil. The resulting solid was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (25 mL) and treated at room temperature with 1N hydrochloric acid solution



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(0.5 mL) for 5 minutes. The mixture was diluted with ether, washed once with water, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a waxy solid: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 270 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3328 (b), 3013, 1708, 1564, 1485, 1411, 1379, 1237, 1166.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:

Calc:	C,	75.53;	H,	6.71;
Found:	C,	75.80;	H,	6.60.

B. Preparation of 3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy][1,1'-biphenyl]-4-propanoic acid disodium salt monohydrate.

3-[(2-Hydroxy-4-phenyl)phenyl]propanoic acid ethyl ester (354 mg, 1.31 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene, de-benzylated and hydrolyzed as described above for the preparation of Example 60, except that dimethylsulfoxide was omitted. Salt formation and purification as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) provided 32 mg (4%) of the desired title product: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 7.62 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.26 (m, 2H), 4.19 (m, 2H), 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.18 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 540 (51, p), 518 (76); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3480 (b), 2975, 1602, 1408, 1049.

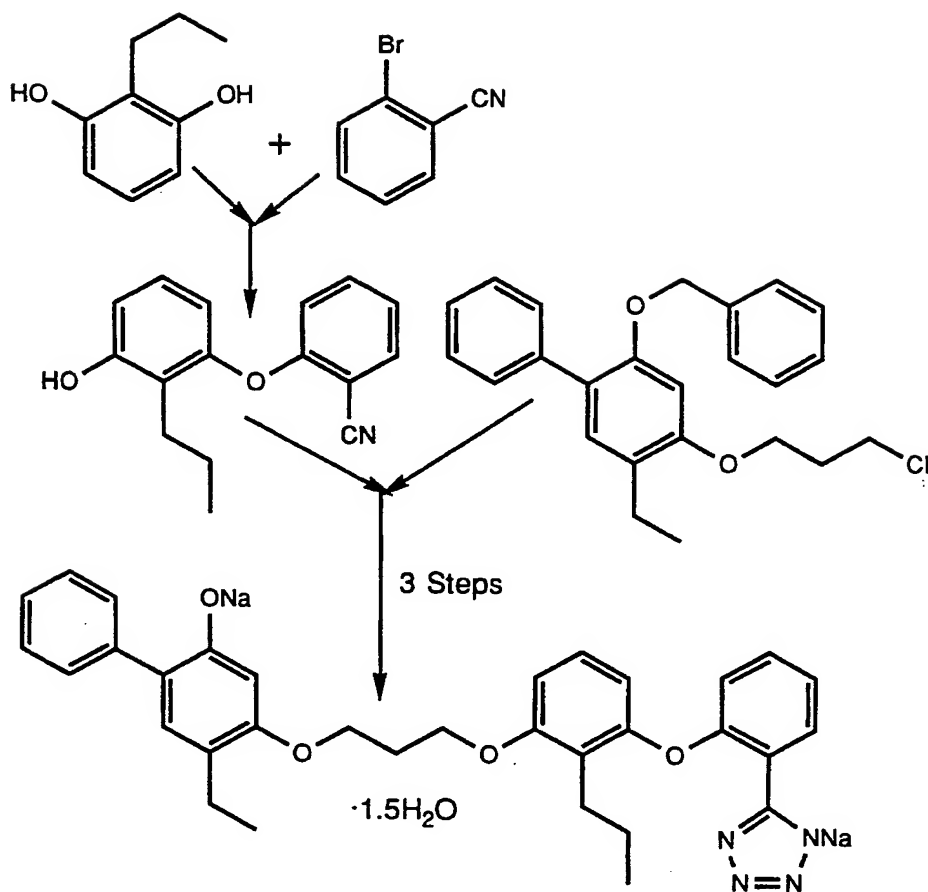
Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calc:	C,	66.62;	H,	5.95;
Found:	C,	66.25;	H,	5.67.

### Example 63

5-Ethyl-4-[3-[2-propyl-3-[2-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy]phenoxy]propoxy][1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol disodium salt sesquihydrate

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#### A. Preparation of 3-(2-cyanophenoxy)-2-propylphenol.

- 5 A mixture of 3-hydroxy-2-propylphenol (7.50 g, 49.3 mmol), 2-bromobenzonitrile (8.97 g, 49.3 mmol), copper bronze (3.76 g, 59.2 mmol), and potassium carbonate (6.80 g, 49.3 mmol) in pyridine (250 mL) was refluxed for 72 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in ethyl
- 10 acetate and washed once with water and three times with a saturated copper sulfate solution. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a dark oil. Silica gel chromatography provided a white solid. Sublimation of this material (bulb-to-bulb distillation apparatus, 200°C) to remove excess 3-hydroxy-2-
- 15 propylphenol provided 1.79 g (14%) of the desired title intermediate as an off-white crystalline material: mp 103-107°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.68 (d, J = 8

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Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H, -OH), 2.62 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 253 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3300 (b), 2967, 2234, 1600, 1485, 1483, 1450, 1247, 1097, 980.

Analysis for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>:

Calc:	C,	75.87;	H,	5.97;	N,	5.53;
Found:	C,	75.09;	H,	5.88;	N,	5.58.

B. Preparation of 5-ethyl-4-[3-[2-propyl-3-[2-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy]phenoxy]propoxy][1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol disodium salt sesquihydrate.

3-(2-Cyanophenoxy)-2-propylphenol (1.66 g, 6.56 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 60. The crude product was dissolved in hexane/ethyl acetate and passed through a short silica gel column. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in 2-methoxyethanol (50 mL). To this solution was added lithium azide (1.38 g, 24.2 mmol) and triethylammonium bromide (1.30 g, 7.14 mmol). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 48 hours, cooled to room temperature, and passed down a short silica gel column. The column was washed with excess ethyl acetate and the combined washings were concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting material was de-benzylated as described above for the preparation of Example 60. The crude tetrazole was converted to the sodium salt and purified as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) to provide 320 mg (8%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 7.81 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.45 (hextet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 595 (35, p

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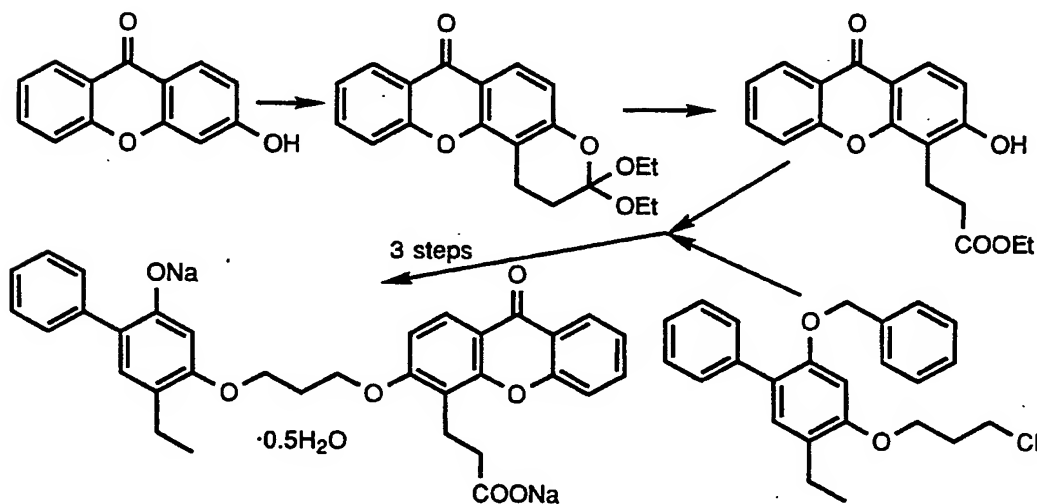
+ 1), 574 (39), 573 (100), 551(99); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3418 (b), 2962, 1577, 1458, 1243, 1229, 1147, 1117.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{Na}_2 \cdot 1.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ :

5	Calc:	C,	63.76;	H,	5.68;	N,	9.01;
	Found:	C,	63.63;	H,	5.59;	N,	8.80.

### Example 64

10 3-[4-[3-[3-(2-Ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy]-9-oxo-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid sodium salt hemihydrate



15 A. Preparation of 3,3-diethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H,7H-pyrano[2,3-c]xanthen-7-one.

A mixture of 3-hydroxy-9-oxo-9H-xanthene (3.00 g, 14.2 mmol), triethylorthoacrylate (5.26 g, 28.4 mmol), and pivalic acid (0.720 g, 7.06 mmol) in toluene (75 mL) was refluxed for 16 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ether. The resulting mixture was washed once with water and once with dilute sodium hydroxide solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Recrystallization (hexane/ethyl acetate) of the residue provided 4.31 g (90%) of the desired title intermediate as a white

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crystalline material: mp 156°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.33 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); MS-FD m/e 340 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2980, 1650, 1622, 1606, 1466, 1437, 1230, 1089, 1045.

Analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>:

Calc:	C,	70.58;	H,	5.92;
Found:	C,	70.83;	H,	5.84.

10           B.     Preparation of 3-[4-(3-hydroxy-9-oxo-9H-xanthene)]propanoic acid ethyl ester.

3,3-Diethoxy-2,3-dihydro-1H,7H-pyrano[2,3-c]xanthen-7-one (3.40 g, 10.0 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) and treated at room temperature with 1N hydrochloric acid solution (0.20 mL) for 1 hour. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed once with water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized from hexane/ethyl acetate to provide 3.09 g (99%) of the desired title intermediate as a white micro-crystalline material: mp 181°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.10 (s, 1H, -OH), 8.34 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 312 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3260 (b), 3025, 1648, 1620, 1607, 1467, 1328, 1242.

Analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>:

Calc:	C,	69.22;	H,	5.16;
Found:	C,	69.13;	H,	5.22.

30           C.     Preparation of 3-[4-[3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-phenyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-9-oxo-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid ethyl ester.

35           3-[4-(3-Hydroxy-9-oxo-9H-xanthene)]propanoic acid ethyl ester (0.821 g, 2.63 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of

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Example 60 to provide crude product as an orange oil. Silica gel chromatography provided 1.48 g (86%) of the desired title intermediate as a white solid: mp 99-102°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.35 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.50 (m, 9H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.39 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.39 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (m, 6H); MS-FD m/e 656 (100, p), 362 (9); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3000, 1727, 1652, 1618, 1604, 1466, 1434, 1276, 1149, 1087.

Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>7</sub>:

Calc:	C,	76.81;	H,	6.14;
Found:	C,	77.05;	H,	6.24.

D. Preparation of 3-[4-[3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy]-9-oxo-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid sodium salt hemihydrate.

De-benzylation, hydrolysis, salt formation, and purification of 3-[4-[3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-phenyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-9-oxo-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid ethyl ester (1.24 g, 1.89 mmol) proceeded as described above for the preparation of Example 59 to provide 817 mg (73%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 8.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.26 (m, 4H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.48 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 583 (7, p), 561 (54), 539 (100); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3410 (b), 2961, 1605, 1433, 1278, 1147, 1087, 766, 699.

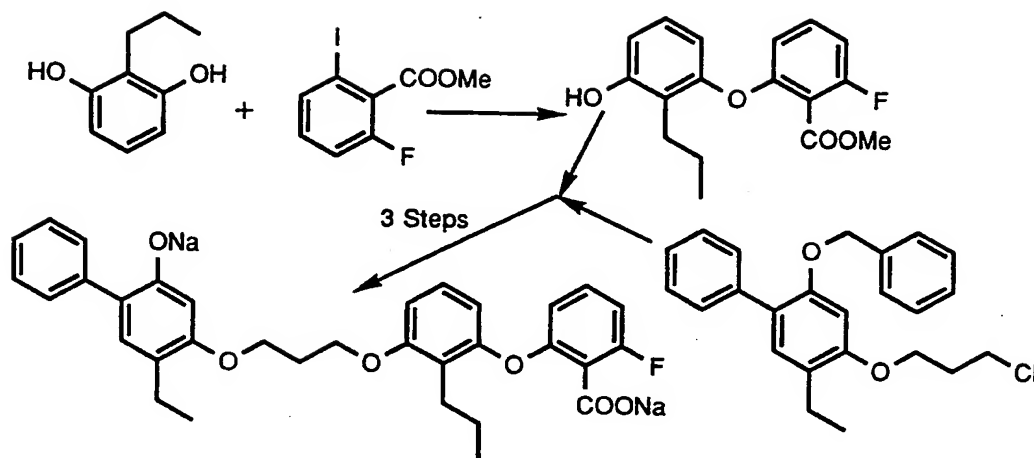
Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>·0.5 H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calc:	C,	67.00;	H,	4.94;
Found:	C,	67.26;	H,	5.12.

#### Example 65

2-Fluoro-6-[2-propyl-3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid disodium salt

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A. Preparation of 2-fluoro-6-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-Fluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid methyl ester (13.1 g, 46.8 mmol) was submitted to the Ullmann conditions described above for the preparation of Example 61(A). This procedure provided 3.10 g (22%) of the desired title intermediate as an oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (bs, 1H, -OH), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (hextet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

B. Preparation of 2-fluoro-6-[2-propyl-3-[3-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-phenylphenoxy)propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid disodium salt.

2-Fluoro-6-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (0.660 g, 2.17 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 60 to provide crude product as an oil. De-benzylation and hydrolysis proceeded as described above for the preparation of Example 60. Salt formation and purification as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) provided 468 mg (37%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 7.49 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, J

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= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.40-2.63 (m, 4H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.41 (hextet, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 589 (16, p), 568 (36), 567 (100), 546 (30), 527 (15); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2975, 1601, 1456, 1395, 1115, 1047.

Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>6</sub>FNa<sub>2</sub>:

Calc:	C,	67.34;	H,	5.31;	F,	3.23;
Found:	C,	67.43;	H,	5.59;	F,	2.99.

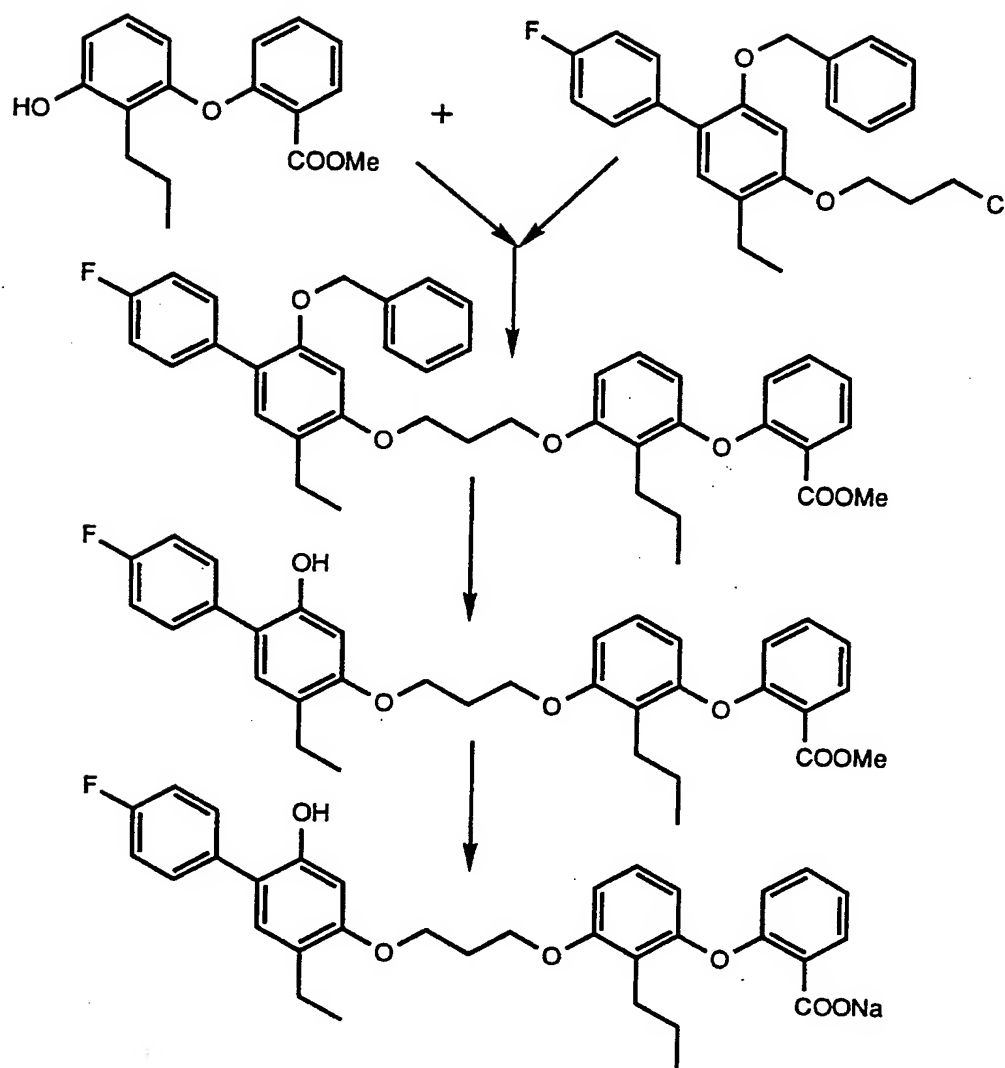
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Example 66

2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid sodium salt



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A. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

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A mixture of 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (20.0 g, 50.2 mmol) and sodium iodide (75.3 g, 502 mmol) in 2-butanone (200 mL) was refluxed for 6 hours. The mixture was diluted with ether and washed once with water. The organic layer  
 10 was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a colorless oil. This material was dissolved in dimethylformamide (100 mL) and treated with 2-(3-hydroxy-2-

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propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (14.4 g, 50.2 mmol) and potassium carbonate (20.8 g, 151 mmol) at room temperature for 24 hours. This mixture was diluted with water and twice extracted with ether. The aqueous layer was separated and back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil. Silica gel chromatography provided 25.4 g (78%) of the desired title intermediate as a pale golden oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.03-7.38 (m, 5H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.24 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (hextet, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 648 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 1740, 1604, 1497, 1461, 1112.

Analysis for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	75.91;	H,	6.37;
Found:	C,	76.15;	H,	6.45.

B. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (33.0 g, 50.9 mmol) was de-benzylated as described above for the preparation of Example 60 to provide 27.3 g (96%) of the title intermediate as an amber oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.90 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H, -OH), 4.23 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (hextet, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 558 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2965, 1727, 1603, 1496, 1458, 1306, 1112.

Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	73.10;	H,	6.31;
Found:	C,	73.17;	H,	6.42.

C. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid sodium salt.

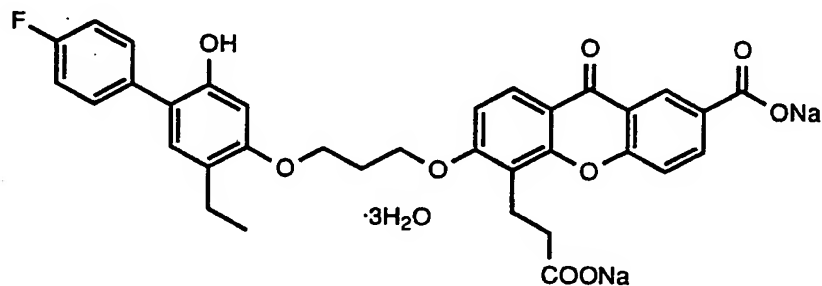
5        2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (21.5 g, 38.5 mmol) was hydrolyzed as described above for the preparation of Example 60. The acid was converted to the sodium salt and purified as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) to provide 16.7 g (77%) of the  
10        desired title product as a white amorphous solid: NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) 10.50 (bs, 1H, -OH), 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 3.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.26 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.14 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (q,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.16 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 2H), 1.45 (hextet,  $J = 7.5$   
15        Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H); MS-FAB  $m/e$  568 (38,  $p + 1$ ), 567 (100,  $p$ ), 544 (86), 527 (77), 295 (65), 253 (45); IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ) 3407 (b), 2962, 1603, 1502, 1446, 1395, 1239, 1112.

Analysis for  $C_{33}H_{32}O_6FNa$ :

20	Calc:	C,	69.95;	H,	5.69;	F,	3.35;
	Found:	C,	69.97;	H,	5.99;	F,	3.52.

### Example 67

25        3-[4-[7-Carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid disodium salt trihydrate



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A. Preparation of ethyl 3-[4-[7-carbomethoxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoate.

5. 2-Benzoyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (0.593 g, 1.49 mmol) was converted to the corresponding iodide and reacted with ethyl 7-carboethoxy-3-hydroxy-9-oxo-9H-xanthene-4-propanoate as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). The crude product was recrystallized (hexane/ethyl acetate) to provide 755 mg (69%) of the title intermediate as an off-white crystalline material: mp 100°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.40 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.39 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (m, 6H); MS-FD m/e 731 (p - 1); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2950, 1724, 1661, 1610, 1497, 1435, 1276, 1084.

Analysis for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>9</sub>F:

	Calc:	C,	72.12;	H,	5.64;
20	Found:	C,	72.34;	H,	5.87.

B. Preparation of 3-[4-[7-carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid disodium salt trihydrate.

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- Ethyl 3-[4-[7-carbomethoxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoate (550 mg, 0.751 mmol) was de-benzylated and hydrolyzed as described above for the preparation of Example 60 except that a Parr<sup>TM</sup> apparatus was used at 2 atmospheres hydrogen pressure. The acid was converted to the sodium salt and purified as described for the preparation of Example 59(D) to provide 242 mg (46%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 8.65 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.26 (m, 4H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.48 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (m, 4H), 1.09

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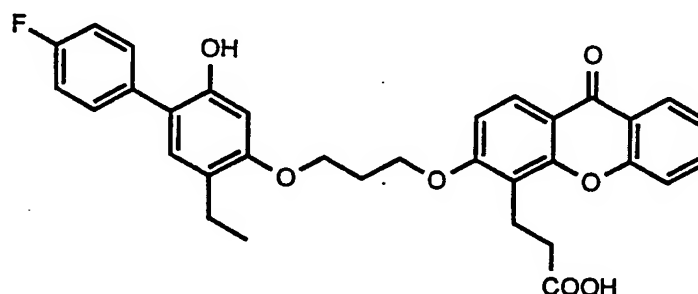
(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 645 (18, p), 624 (30), 623 (61), 601 (74), 309 (100), 307 (54); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3414 (b), 2926, 1609, 1391, 1276, 1101, 785.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_9\text{FNa}_2 \cdot 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ :

5	Calc:	C,	58.61;	H,	4.74;
	Found:	C,	58.34;	H,	4.34.

### Example 68

10 3-[4-[9-Oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid



15 A. Preparation of ethyl 3-[4-[9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoate.

20 2-Benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (0.593 g, 1.49 mmol) was converted to the corresponding iodide and reacted with 3-[4-(3-hydroxy-9-oxo-9H-xanthene)]propanoic acid ethyl ester as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). The crude product was recrystallized (hexane/ethyl acetate) to provide 610 mg (61%) of the desired title

25 intermediate as an off-white crystalline material: mp 115°C; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 8.34 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.01-7.13 (m, 4H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 4.39 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.39 (quintet, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (m, 6H); MS-FD m/e 674 (p); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2973, 1727,

30 1653, 1618, 1604, 1497, 1466, 1434, 1275, 1146, 1087.

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Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>7</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	74.76;	H,	5.83;	F,	2.82;
Found:	C,	74.49;	H,	5.72;	F,	2.65.

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          Ethyl 3-[4-[9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoate (500 mg, 0.742 mmol) was de-benzylated and hydrolyzed as described above for the preparation of Example 60. Recrystallization (toluene/ethyl acetate) provided 278 mg (67%) of the title product as a white crystalline material: mp 205°C; NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 12.38 (bs, 1H, -COOH), 9.36 (s, 1H, -OH), 8.14 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.30 (m, 4H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.28 (quintet, J = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 556 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2974, 1711, 1652, 1618, 1604, 1498, 1466, 1434, 1277, 1146, 1088.

- 20           Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>7</sub>F:

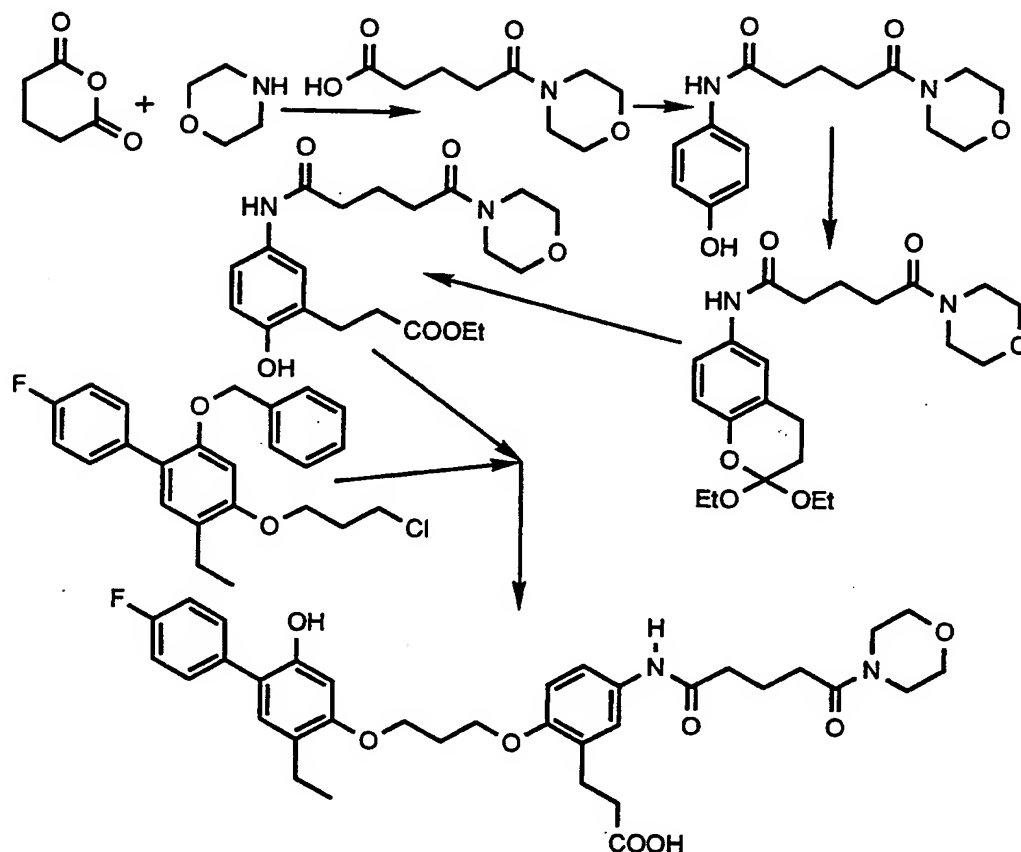
Calc:	C,	71.21;	H,	5.25;
Found:	C,	71.14;	H,	5.23.

#### Example 69

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3-[2-[1-[2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenyl]propanoic acid

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A. Preparation of 5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanoic acid.

- 5 A mixture of glutaric anhydride (28.8 g, 253 mmol) and morpholine (20.0 g, 230 mmol) in xylenes (500 mL) was refluxed for 45 minutes. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide the title intermediate in quantitative yield as a light orange oil that crystallized upon standing: mp 81-83°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.80 (bs, 1H, -OH), 3.67 (m, 4H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.44 (m, 4H), 1.98 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 2H); MS-FD m/e 202 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3100 (b), 3020, 1711, 1635, 1439, 1272, 1237, 1116, 1033.

15 B. Preparation of 4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)-phenol.

5-Oxo-5-morpholinopentanoic acid (20.0 g, 99.8 mmol) was dissolved in methylene chloride (250 mL) and carefully treated with

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oxalyl chloride (15.2 g, 200 mmol) at room temperature. After gas evolution had subsided (approximately 1 hour) the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in a fresh portion of methylene chloride (50 mL) and added dropwise over 2 hours to a  
5 suspension of 4-aminophenol (9.88 g, 99.8 mmol) and triethylamine (11.1 g, 110 mmol) cooled to 0°C. After stirring for 2 hours the mixture was washed twice with water. The aqueous layer was back-extracted with three fresh portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide  
10 a dark oil. Silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 9.70 g (34%) of the title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.58 (bs, 1H), 8.50 (bs, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (m, 6H), 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.32 (q, J = 6 Hz, 4H), 1.90 (m, 2H).

15 C. Preparation of 2,2-diethoxy-3,4-dihydro-6-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)-2H-1-benzopyran.

4-(5-Oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenol (3.00 g, 10.3 mmol) was converted to the desired title intermediate as described above for the  
20 preparation of Example 59(A). Recrystallization (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 3.51 g (81%) of the desired title intermediate as a white crystalline solid: mp 141-143°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.88 (bs, 1H, -NH), 7.40 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (m, 10H), 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.07 (4H, m),  
25 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); MS-FD m/e 421 (p + 1, 24), 420 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3010, 1629, 1499, 1116, 1086, 1048.

Analysis for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

Calc:	C,	62.84;	H,	7.67;	N,	6.66;
Found:	C,	62.64;	H,	7.38;	N,	6.47.

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D. Preparation of 3-[2-[1-hydroxy-4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenyl]]propanoic acid ethyl ester.

To a solution of 2,2-diethoxy-3,4-dihydro-6-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)-2H-1-benzopyran (1.33 g) in tetrahydrofuran  
35 (25 mL) was added 1N aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.15 mL). The



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mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature then diluted with water and extracted three times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide an off-white solid. Recrystallization from hexane/ethyl acetate provided 1.03 g (83%) of the desired title ester: mp 77-79°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.98 (bs, 1H, -NH), 7.35 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (m, 6H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 393 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3350 (b), 3020, 1629, 1503, 1234, 1116.

Analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>:

Calc:	C,	61.21;	H,	7.19;	N,	7.14;
Found:	C,	61.10;	H,	7.18;	N,	7.14.

E. Preparation of 3-[2-[1-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenyl]propanoic acid ethyl ester.

2-Benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene (1.00 g, 2.51 mmol) was converted to the corresponding iodide and reacted with 3-[2-[1-hydroxy-4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenyl]]propanoic acid ethyl ester (980 mg, 2.51 mmol) as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to provide 800 mg (32%) of the title ester intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.66 (bs, 1H, -NH), 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.42 (m, 7H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (m, 4H), 3.40 (m, 4H), 2.76 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 6H), 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.18 (quintet, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (m, 6H); MS-FD m/e 755 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3420 (b), 2975, 1604, 1500, 1234, 1145, 1117, 1042.

Analysis for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	70.01;	H,	6.81;	N,	3.71;
Found:	C,	69.77;	H,	6.89;	N,	3.77.

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F. Preparation of 3-[2-[1-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenyl]propanoic acid.

5 3-[2-[1-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)-phenoxy]propoxy]-4-(5-oxo-5-morpholinopentanamido)phenyl]-propanoic acid ethyl ester (800 mg, 1.06 mmol) was subjected to de-benzoylation and hydrolysis as described above for the preparation of Example 60. This  
 10 procedure provided 450 mg (46%) of the title product as an off-white crystalline material: mp 78-80°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.48 (bs, 1H, -NH), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.10 (m, 4H), 3.58 (m, 6H), 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (m, 4H), 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.24 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 638 (p + 1, 63), 637 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2973, 1618, 1502, 1235, 1146, 1117.

Analysis for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>F:

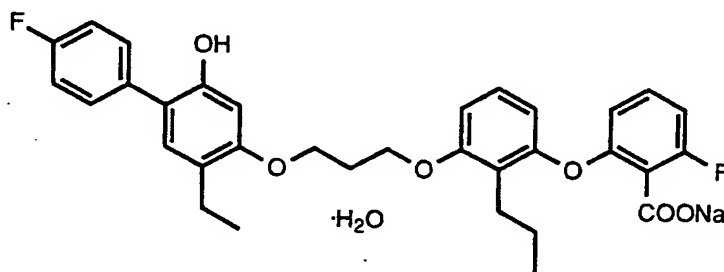
Calc:	C,	66.02;	H,	6.49;	N,	4.40;
Found:	C,	66.29;	H,	6.72;	N,	4.26.

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### Example 70

2-Fluoro-6-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid disodium salt hydrate

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A. Preparation of 2-fluoro-6-[2-propyl-3-[3-[4-bromo-2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

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2-Fluoro-6-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (1.84 g, 4.80 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-bromo-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 60 to provide crude product as an oil. Silica gel chromatography provided 2.05 g (66%) of the purified title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.49 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.58 (m, 4H), 2.30 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (hextet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

B. Preparation of 2-fluoro-6-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid disodium salt hydrate.

To a solution of 2-fluoro-6-[2-propyl-3-[3-[4-bromo-2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (1.77 g, 2.72 mmol) in benzene (12 mL) was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.33 g, 0.30 mmol) and 2.0 M aqueous sodium carbonate (4 mL). To this mixture was added a solution of 4-fluorophenylboronic acid (4.10 g, 8.16 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 4 hours then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and shaken. The organic layer was washed once with water and once with 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide an oil. De-benzylation and hydrolysis proceeded as described above for the preparation of Example 60. Salt formation and purification as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) provided 403 mg (25%) of the desired title product as a fluffy white solid: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 9.83 (bs, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 6.96-7.16 (m, 4H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.74 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.40-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.18 (quintet, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (hextet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB m/e 586

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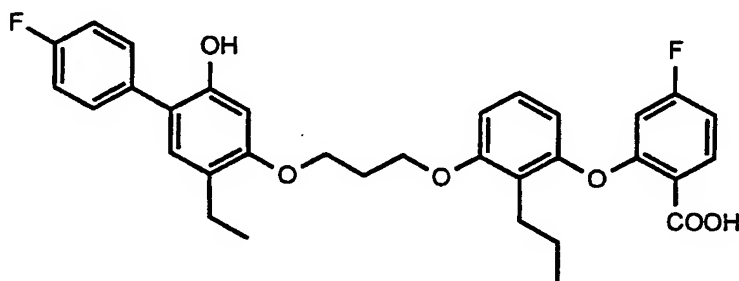
(p + 1, 35), 585 (p, 100), 562 (33), 313 (30). IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3300 (b), 2967, 1616, 1455, 1398, 1115.

Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Na·H<sub>2</sub>O:

	Calc:	C,	65.77;	H,	5.52;
5	Found:	C,	65.81;	H,	5.41.

### Example 71

10 4-Fluoro-2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid



15 A. Preparation of 4-fluoro-2-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester.

To a solution of 2-propylresorcinol (10.0 g, 65.7 mmol) in pyridine (120 mL) was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (7.00 g, 62.5 mmol) at room temperature with stirring. To this was added a mixture of methyl 2-bromo-4-fluorobenzoate (7.60 g, 32.6 mmol) and copper(I) iodide (12.5 g, 65.7 mmol) in pyridine (120 mL). The resulting mixture was gently refluxed for 4 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and stirred for 18 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting material dissolved in ethyl ether. The solution was washed once with 5N aqueous hydrochloric acid. The aqueous layer was extracted once with fresh ethyl ether and the combined organic layers were washed twice with 5N aqueous ammonium hydroxide. The organic layer was washed once with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Silica gel chromatography of the resulting residue provided 1.45 g (15%)

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of the desired intermediate product as a light tan solid: mp 92-94°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (m, 2H), 5.25 (bs, 1H, -OH), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.60 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (hextet, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H);

5 MS-FD m/e 305 (p + 1, 40), 304 (p, 100); IR.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	67.10;	H,	5.63;
Found:	C,	67.32;	H,	5.78.

10 B. Preparation of 4-fluoro-2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

4-Fluoro-6-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (0.534 g, 1.75 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A) to provide crude product as an oil.

Purification via silica gel chromatography provided 640 mg (55%) of the desired title intermediate as a white crystalline solid: mp 77-78°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.95 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.25 (m, 4H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.65 (m, 4H), 2.34 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 4H), 1.55 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 666 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 1730, 1600, 1499, 1461, 1268, 1110.

Analysis for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub>:

Calc:	C,	73.86;	H,	6.05;
Found:	C,	73.17;	H,	6.44.

30 C. Preparation of 4-fluoro-2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

4-Fluoro-2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (590 mg) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (25 mL) containing 10% palladium on carbon (118 mg) and hydrogenated at 2 atmospheres for 18

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hours. The mixture was filtered through Celite® and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide an oil. Purification of the crude material via silica gel chromatography provided 400 mg (79%) of the title intermediate as a glass: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.97 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.17 (m, 3H),  
 5 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.45-6.63 (m, 3H), 5.38 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.22 (m, 4H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.65 (m, 4H), 2.35 (quintet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (hextet, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 578 (p + 2, 50), 577 (p + 1, 90), 576 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  
 cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3563 (b), 2965, 1722, 1604, 1585, 1497, 1461, 1267, 1251, 1152, 1110.

10 Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub>:

Calc:	C,	70.82;	H,	5.94;
Found:	C,	71.12;	H,	5.96.

15 D. Preparation of 4-fluoro-2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid.

4-Fluoro-2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (350 mg) was hydrolyzed as described for the preparation of Example 60 to provide 310  
 20 mg (91%) of the desired title product as a white solid: mp 62-64°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.23 (m, 4H), 2.57 (m, 4H), 2.34 (quintet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, = 7.8 Hz, 3H);  
 25 MS-FD m/e 564 (p + 2, 30), 562 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3379 (b), 2963, 1699, 1607, 1500, 1268, 1247, 1146, 1110, 839.

Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>2</sub>:

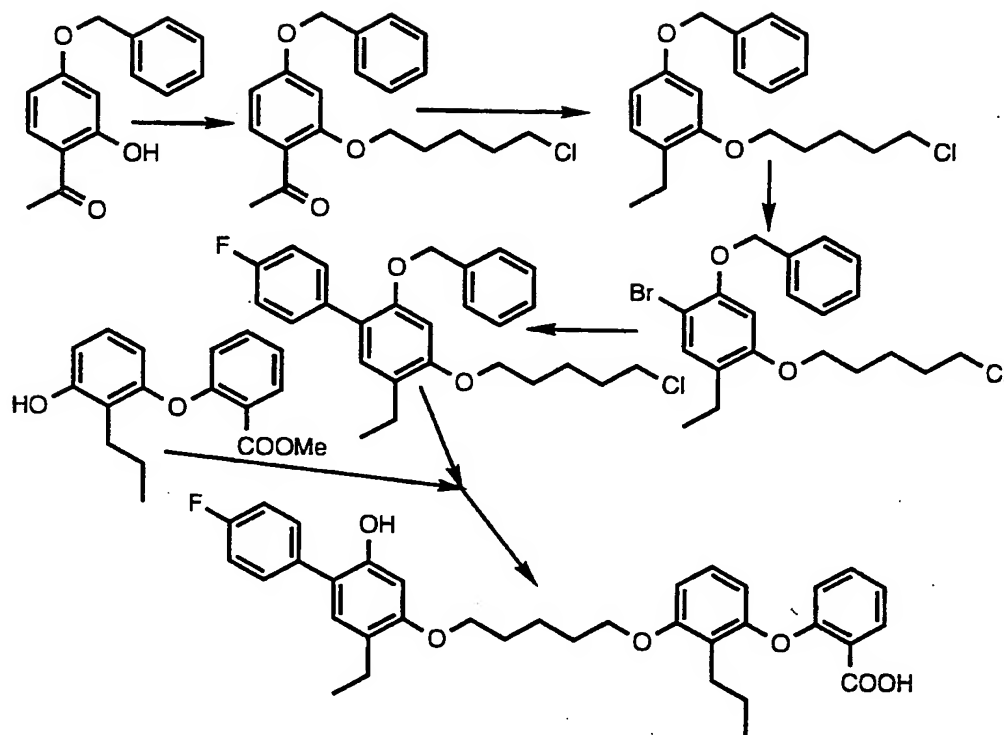
Calc:	C,	70.45;	H,	5.73;
Found:	C,	70.15;	H,	5.81.

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### Example 72

2-[2-Propyl-3-[5-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]pentoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid  
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A. Preparation of 2-(5-chloropentoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)acetophenone.

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A mixture of 2-hydroxy-4-(phenylmethoxy)acetophenone (15.5 g, 64.0 mmol), potassium carbonate (8.83 g, 64.0 mmol), and dimethylsulfoxide (15 mL) in 2-butanone (145 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. 1-Bromo-5-chloropentane (11.9 g, 64.0 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture heated at reflux for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed once with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a waxy solid. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 16.1 g (73%) of the title intermediate as a white solid: mp 76-77°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 5H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.69

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(m, 2H); MS-FD m/e 348 (p + 2, 65), 346 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3025, 1662, 1598, 1268, 1184, 1139, 1027.

5        B.     Preparation of 2-(5-chloropentoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene.

To a solution of 2-(5-chloropentoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)-acetophenone (15.0 g, 43.2 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid (33.3 mL) at 0°C was added triethylsilane (11.0 g, 95.1 mmol) dropwise. The resulting  
10     mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2.5 hours then treated with excess saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The mixture was extracted with ether. The organic layer was washed once with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal a yellow oil. Purification via silica gel  
15     chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 10.45 g (73%) of the title intermediate as a faint yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.20-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.69 (quintet, J = 6 Hz), 1.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e ; IR  
20     (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2937, 1613, 1587, 1505, 1289, 1258, 1172, 1132, 1028.

Analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl:

Calc:	C,	72.12;	H,	7.57;
Found:	C,	71.24;	H,	7.64.

25        C.     Preparation of 3-bromo-6-(5-chloropentoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene.

A mixture of 2-(5-chloropentoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene (10.0 g, 31.0 mmol) and N-bromosuccinimide (5.35 g, 30.1 mmol) in carbon  
30     tetrachloride (100 mL) was warmed slightly for 2 hours, then stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was washed sequentially with water, 1N aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution, and saturated sodium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a white solid.  
35     Recrystallization from hexane provided 10.0 g (81%) of the desired title intermediate as a white crystalline solid: mp 54-55°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.50



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(m, 2H), 7.25-7.48 (m, 4H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 414 (p + 2, 25), 412 (p, 100), 410 (p - 2, 85); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2950, 1602, 1501, 1450, 1370, 1300, 1163.

5        Analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BrCl:

Calc:	C,	58.34;	H,	5.87;
Found:	C,	58.31;	H,	6.04.

10        D.     Preparation of 6-(5-chloropentoxy)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene.

3-Bromo-6-(5-chloropentoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)-ethylbenzene (8.80 g, 26.4 mmol) was coupled to 4-fluorophenyl-boronic acid as described above for the preparation of Example 70(B). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) followed by recrystallization from hexane provided 7.04 g (77%) of the intermediate title product as a white solid: mp 55-56°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.99 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (q, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.14 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2938, 1613, 1497, 1143, 1027.

20        Analysis for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ClF:

Calc:	C,	73.14;	H,	6.61;
Found:	C,	72.91;	H,	6.69.

25        E.     Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[5-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]pentoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-(3-Hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (2.00 g, 6.99 mmol) was alkylated with 6-(5-chloropentoxy)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A) to provide crude product as an oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 3.90 g (83%) of title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.94 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.08 (t, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (t, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.70 (m, 4H), 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.76 (m,

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2H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 677 (p + 1, 65), 676 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2965, 1740, 1604, 1497, 1461, 1453, 1306, 1111.

Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>45</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

5                    Calc:        C,    76.31;        H,    6.70;  
                      Found:       C,    76.24;        H,    6.83.

F.    Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[5-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]pentoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid.

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2-[2-Propyl-3-[5-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]pentoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (3.60 g, 5.32 mmol) was submitted to de-benzylolation and hydrolysis as described above for the preparation of Example 60. The product was  
 15 isolated via vacuum filtration as a white crystalline solid: mp 65°C (dec); NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.25 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.18 (m, 4H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.15 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.10 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (m, 4H), 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.54 (hextet, J  
 20 = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 572 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3350 (b), 2965, 1739, 1605, 1496, 1455, 1238, 1108.

Analysis for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

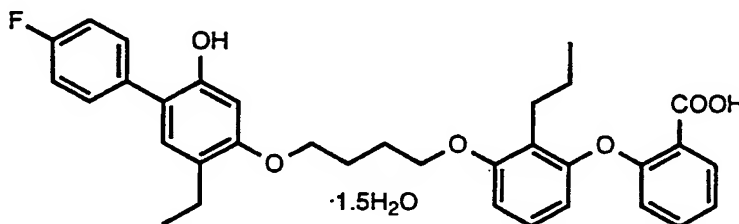
                     Calc:        C,    73.41;        H,    6.51;  
                      Found:       C,    73.13;        H,    6.59.

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### Example 73

2-[2-Propyl-3-[4-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]butoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid sesquihydrate

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A. Preparation of 2-(4-chlorobutoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)acetophenone.

5        2-Hydroxy-4-(phenylmethoxy)acetophenone (9.20 g, 37.9 mmol) was alkylated with 1-bromo-4-chlorobutane as described above for the preparation of Example 72(A). The crude material was purified via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) to provide 7.70 g (61%) of the desired title product as a white solid: mp 58-60°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  
10        7.83 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.47 (m, 5H), 6.59 (dd, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.02 (m, 4H); MS-FD m/e 334 (p + 1, 50), 333 (p, 28), 332 (p - 1, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3013, 1663, 1599, 1267, 1184, 1027.

Analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl:

15                Calc:        C,    68.57;        H,    6.36;  
                 Found:        C,    68.77;        H,    6.60.

B. Preparation of 2-(4-chlorobutoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene.

20        2-(4-Chlorobutoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)-acetophenone (3.50 g, 10.5 mmol) was reduced as described above for the preparation of Example 72(B). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 2.60 g (79%) of the desired title intermediate as a colorless oil:  
25        NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.13-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.99 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2966, 1613, 1506, 1289, 1171, 1132, 1028.

Analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl:

30                Calc:        C,    71.57;        H,    7.27;  
                 Found:        C,    71.78;        H,    7.40.

C. Preparation of 3-bromo-6-(4-chlorobutoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene.

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2-(4-Chlorobutoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene (2.50 g, 7.84 mmol) was brominated as described above for the preparation of Example 72(C). Recrystallization of the crude product from hexane provided 2.52 g (81%) of the desired title product: mp 65-66°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.50 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.92 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 398 (p, 100), 396 (p - 2, 70); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2967, 1602, 1501, 1455, 1389, 1285, 1163, 1060.

Analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BrCl:

10	Calc:	C,	57.38;	H,	5.57;
	Found:	C,	57.27;	H,	5.62.

D. Preparation of 6-(4-chlorobutoxy)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene.

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3-Bromo-6-(4-chlorobutoxy)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene (2.30 g, 26.4 mmol) was coupled to 4-fluorophenylboronic acid as described above for the preparation of Example 70(B). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) followed by trituration with methanol provided 2.07 g (87%) of the titled intermediate product as a white solid: mp 48-49°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.03 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 412 (p); IR.

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Analysis for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ClF:

Calc:	C,	72.72;	H,	6.35;
Found:	C,	72.59;	H,	6.46.

E. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[4-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]butoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

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2-(3-Hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (1.40 g, 4.84 mmol) was alkylated with 6-(4-chlorobutoxy)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(phenylmethoxy)ethylbenzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A) to provide crude product as an oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 2.40 g (75%) of the

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title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.93 (dd, J = 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.12 (m, 4H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.68 (m, 4H), 2.09 (m, 4H), 1.63 (hextet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 663 (p + 1, 35), 662 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3470, 2950, 1760, 1740, 1461, 1305, 1135, 1071.

Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

	Calc:	C,	76.11;	H,	6.54;
10	Found:	C,	76.36;	H,	6.65.

F. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[4-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]butoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid sesquihydrate.

15 2-[2-Propyl-3-[4-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]butoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (2.20 g, 3.32 mmol) was submitted to de-benzylation and hydrolysis as described above for the preparation of Example 60. This procedure provided 1.00 g (85%) of the title product as a white solid: mp 65-68°C; 20 NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.26 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.29 (m, 4H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.08 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.12 (m, 4H), 2.63 (m, 4H), 2.08 (m, 4H), 1.55 (hextet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 559 (p + 1, 57), 558 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3350 25 (b), 2950, 1739, 1625, 1496, 1455, 1237, 1108.

Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F·1.5 H<sub>2</sub>O:

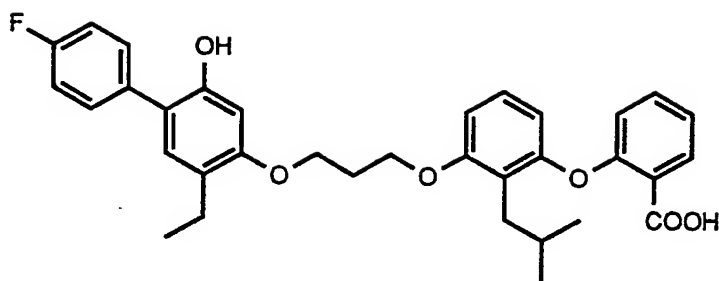
	Calc:	C,	69.73;	H,	6.43;
	Found:	C,	69.74;	H,	6.54.

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#### Example 74

2-[2-(2-Methylpropyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid

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A. Preparation of 2-(2-methylpropyl)-1,3-dimethoxybenzene.

5 To a solution of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (38.0 g, 272 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (380 mL) at 0°C was added a 1.6M solution of butyllithium in hexane (188 mL, 299 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2 hours. 1-Iodo-2-methylpropane (50.0 g, 272 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture warmed to room temperature, then  
10 refluxed for 36 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with saturated ammonium chloride solution, and extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification via silica chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 13.8 g (26%) of title  
15 intermediate product as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.22 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 2.66 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (heptet, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 8 Hz, 6H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2959, 1593, 1474, 1261, 1133, 1075.

20 B. Preparation of 2-(2-methylpropyl)-1,3-dihydroxybenzene.

2-(2-Methylpropyl)-1,3-dimethoxybenzene (18.0 g, 92.8 mmol) was melted with pyridinium hydrochloride (90 g) and stirred at 180°C for 8 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with  
25 water, and extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with dilute aqueous hydrochloric acid, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ether/hexane) provided 15.0 g (98%) of title  
30 intermediate as a light yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 6.97 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 2H, -OH), 2.59 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 2.03

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(heptet,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 6H); MS-FD  $m/e$  166 (p); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3603, 3349 (b), 2959, 1601, 1466, 1298, 1104, 987.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ :

5	Calc:	C,	72.26;	H,	8.49;
	Found:	C,	72.37;	H,	8.75.

C. Preparation of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-(2-methylpropyl)-phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

10 2-(2-Methylpropyl)-1,3-dihydroxybenzene (14.5 g, 87.3 mmol) was submitted to Ullmann coupling conditions with methyl 2-iodobenzoate as described above for the preparation of Example 61(A). Purification of the crude product via silica gel chromatography (ether/hexane) provided  
 15 3.11 g (12%) of the desired title intermediate as a light yellow oil: NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.91 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 5.42 (bs, 1H, -OH), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.58 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 2H), 2.08 (heptet,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 6H); MS-FD  $m/e$  300 (p); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3625, 3360 (b), 2950, 1718, 1602, 1453, 1306, 1235, 1107, 910.

20 Analysis for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$ :

Calc:	C,	71.98;	H,	6.71;
Found:	C,	72.19;	H,	6.86.

25 D. Preparation of 2-[2-(2-methylpropyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-[3-Hydroxy-2-(2-methylpropyl)phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (750 mg, 2.51 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A) to provide crude product as an oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ether/hexane) provided 620 mg (35%) of title intermediate product as an off-white solid: mp 82-84°C; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.99 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 6H),  
 30 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.27 (m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.70 (m, 4H), 2.39

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(quintet,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 2.10 (heptet,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 9$  Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 6H); MS-FD  $m/e$  663 ( $p + 1$ , 42), 662 ( $p$ , 100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3425 (b), 2959, 2864, 1733, 1604, 1580, 1500, 1447, 1246, 1080, 837.

Analysis for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_6\text{F}$ :

5	Calc:	C,	76.11;	H,	6.54;
	Found:	C,	76.20;	H,	6.83.

E. Preparation of 2-[2-(2-methylpropyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid.

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2-[2-(2-Methylpropyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (600 mg, 0.906 mmol) was submitted to de-benzoylation conditions as described above for the preparation of Example 71(C). Hydrolysis of the resulting ester as described above for the preparation of Example 60 provided 250 mg (57%) of title product as an off-white solid: mp 48-49°C; NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 8.25 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.32 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.28 (m, 4H), 2.63 (q,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 2.52 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 2.38 (quintet,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 1.96 (heptet,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 9$  Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 6H); MS-FD  $m/e$  559 ( $p + 1$ , 39), 558 ( $p$ , 100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3350 (b), 2958, 1699, 1604, 1457, 1222, 1112, 1062, 838, 756.

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Analysis for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_6\text{F}$ :

25	Calc:	C,	73.10;	H,	6.31;
	Found:	C,	73.32;	H,	6.50.

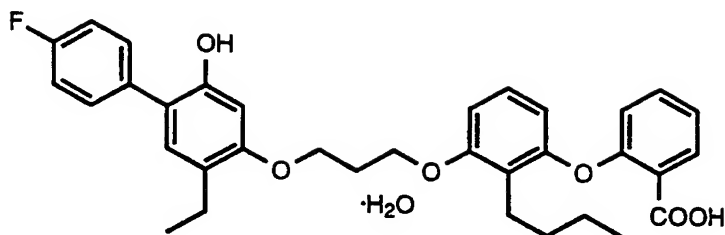
#### Example 75

2-[2-Butyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid hydrate

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A. Preparation of 2-butyl-1,3-dimethoxybenzene.

5 1,3-Dimethoxybenzene (15.0 g, 109 mmol) was alkylated with 1-iodobutane as described above for the preparation of Example 74(A) except that the final reaction mixture was not refluxed. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 15.0 g (71%) of the title intermediate product as a yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.18 (t, J =  
 10 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 2.70 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 194 (p).

15 B. Preparation of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-butylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-Butyl-1,3-dimethoxybenzene (14.98 g, 77.6 mmol) was demethylated as described above for the preparation of Example 74(B) to provide 19 g crude product as a brown oil. A solution of 15 g of this  
 20 material and potassium tert-butoxide (9.70 g, 86.5 mmol) in pyridine (150 mL) was added to a second solution of methyl 2-iodobenzoate (11.9 g, 180 mmol) and copper(I) iodide (17.3 g, 91.0 mmol) in pyridine (150 mL). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 36 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with water, and extracted three times with  
 25 diethyl ether. The combined ether fractions were filtered through a mat of Celite®, washed once with 5N aqueous hydrochloric acid, once with 2N aqueous sodium hydroxide, and filtered again through a mat of Celite®. The resulting solution was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated *in vacuo*. Silica gel chromatography (ethyl  
 30 acetate/hexane) provided provided 3.02 g (11%) of the title intermediate product as an orange oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.91 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J =

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8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (bs, 1H, -OH), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.66 (t, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (quintet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (hextet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H); MS-EI m/e 300 (p, 34), 225 (100), 213 (42), 197 (53), 107 (38); IR (mull, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3410, 2926, 1709, 1600, 1463, 1234, 1107, 1090, 992.

Analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc:	C,	71.98;	H,	6.71;
Found:	C,	70.82;	H,	6.67.

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C. Preparation of 2-[2-butyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-(3-Hydroxy-2-butylphenoxy)benzoic acid methyl ester (700 mg, 1.76 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A) to provide crude product as an oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 700 mg (60%) of the title intermediate product as a yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.91 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.88 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.25 (m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.72 (m, 4H), 2.40 (quintet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (hextet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3024, 1717, 1602, 1465, 1453, 1306, 1234, 1086, 1014.

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Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	76.11;	H,	6.54;
Found:	C,	75.82;	H,	6.50.

D. Preparation of 2-[2-butyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid hydrate.

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2-[2-Butyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (690 mg, 1.04 mmol) was submitted to de-benzylolation conditions as described above for the preparation of Example 71(C). Hydrolysis of the resulting ester as described above for the preparation of Example 60

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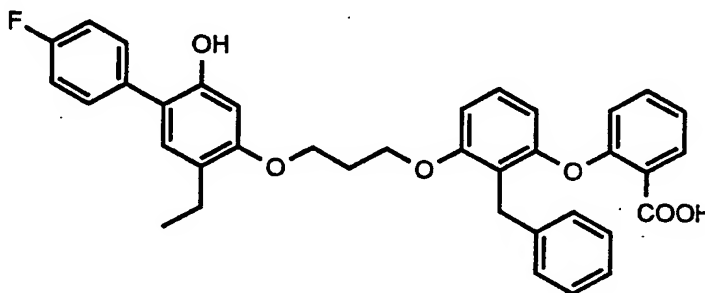
provided 114 mg (30%) of the title product as an off-white solid: mp 62-64°C; NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 12.75 (bs, 1H, -COOH), 9.60 (bs, 1H, -OH), 7.69 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.69 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.21 (quintet, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (hextet, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.74 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 559 (p + 1, 55), 558 (p, 100); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3350 (b), 2963, 2933, 1738, 1605, 1497, 1461, 1455, 1236, 1118.

Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F·H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calc:	C,	70.81;	H,	6.47;
Found:	C,	71.19;	H,	6.52.

### Example 76

2-[2-(Phenylmethyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid



#### A. Preparation of 2-(phenylmethyl)-1,3-dimethoxybenzene.

1,3-Dimethoxybenzene (75.0 g, 391 mmol) was alkylated with benzyl bromide as described above for the preparation of Example 74(A) except that the final reaction mixture was not refluxed. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ether/hexane) provided 18.8 g (8%) of intermediate product as a white solid: 53-55°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.15-7.37 (m, 6H), 6.62 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 6H); MS-FD m/e 229 (p + 1, 17), 228 (p, 100); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 2839, 1594, 1476, 1435, 1259, 1197, 1106, 700.

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Analysis for  $C_{15}H_{16}O_2$ :

Calc:	C,	78.92;	H,	7.06;
Found:	C,	79.21;	H,	7.33.

## 5        B.        Preparation of 2-(phenylmethyl)-1,3-dihydroxybenzene.

2-(Phenylmethyl)-1,3-dimethoxybenzene (15.0 g, 65.8 mmol) was de-methylated as described above for the preparation of Example 74(B). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 7.76 g (60%) of title intermediate product as an off-white crystalline material: mp 81-83°C; NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ) 7.18-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (bs, 2H, -OH), 4.18 (s, 2H); MS-FD m/e 201 (p + 1, 23), 200 (p, 100); IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ) 3505 (b), 1618, 1464, 1360, 1292, 1183, 1012, 739.

15        Analysis for  $C_{13}H_{12}O_2$ :

Calc:	C,	77.98;	H,	6.04;
Found:	C,	77.69;	H,	5.99.

## 20        C.        Preparation of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-(phenylmethyl)-phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-(Phenylmethyl)-1,3-dihydroxybenzene (14.5 g, 87.3 mmol) was submitted to Ullmann coupling conditions with methyl 2-iodobenzoate as described above for the preparation of Example 61(A). Purification of the crude product via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 900 mg (7%) of title intermediate product as a white crystalline material: mp 79-81°C; NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ) 7.93 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); MS-FD m/e 335 (p + 1, 23), 334 (p, 100); IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ) 3327 (b), 1687, 1598, 1453, 1315, 1233, 1008, 754.

Analysis for  $C_{21}H_{18}O_4$ :

Calc:	C,	75.43;	H,	5.43;
Found:	C,	75.21;	H,	5.57.

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D. Preparation of 2-[2-(phenylmethyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

5 2-[3-Hydroxy-2-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (840 mg, 2.51 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 680 mg (40%) of desired  
10 title intermediate product as a glass: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.01 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 8H), 7.15-7.30 (m, 8H), 6.88 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.34 (t, 7 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.77 (q, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (quintet, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 9 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 698 (p + 1, 48), 697 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3015, 2975, 1717, 1604, 1496, 1453, 1306, 1081.

Analysis for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	77.57;	H,	5.93;
Found:	C,	77.80;	H,	6.08.

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E. Preparation of 2-[2-(phenylmethyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid.

25 2-[2-(Phenylmethyl)-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (660 mg, 0.947 mmol) was submitted to de-benzylation conditions and hydrolysis as described above for the preparation of Example 60. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 450 mg (80%) the desired title product as a glass: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  
30 8.16 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.32 (m, 9H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.28 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.64 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (quintet, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 593 (p, 100), 592 (p - 1, 89); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3375 (b),  
35 3020, 2970, 1738, 1605, 1496, 1455, 1068.

Analysis for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

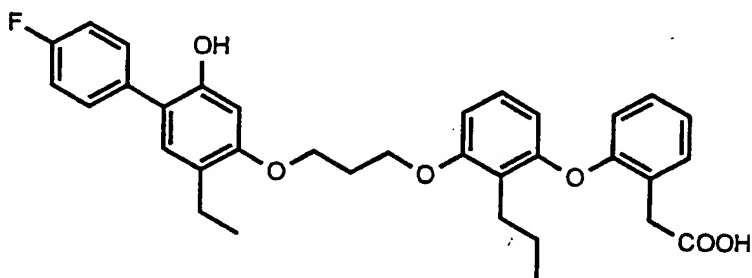
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Calc:	C,	74.98;	H,	5.61;
Found:	C,	75.21;	H,	5.72.

Example 77

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2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]phenylacetic acid



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A. Preparation of 2-(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)-phenylacetic acid methyl ester.

1,3-Dihydroxy-2-propylbenzene (6.07 g, 39.9 mmol) was submitted to Ullmann coupling conditions with methyl 2-iodophenylacetate as described above for the preparation of Example 61(A). Purification of the crude product via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 1.27 g (11%) of title product as a yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.34 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 300 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3350 (b), 3020, 2962, 1736, 1455, 1236, 1107, 982.

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B. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-phenylacetic acid methyl ester.

2-(3-Hydroxy-2-propylphenoxy)phenylacetic acid methyl ester (750 mg, 2.51 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-

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ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 750 mg (45%) of the title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.19 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.04-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.22 (m, 4H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.65 (m, 4H), 2.34 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (hextet, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 663 (p + 1, 57), 662 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2975, 1750, 1602, 1496, 1454, 1231, 1116.

Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	76.11;	H,	6.54;
Found:	C,	76.36;	H,	6.71.

15 C. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]phenylacetic acid.

2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-phenylacetic acid methyl ester (630 mg, 1.10 mmol) was submitted to de-benzylolation conditions and hydrolysis as described above for the preparation of Example 60. Purification via silica gel chromatography provided 320 mg (60%) of the title product as a glass: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.30 (m, 6H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.78 (m, 4H), 2.38 (quintet, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (hextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 559 (p + 1, 65), 558 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3570, 2966, 2934, 2873, 1714, 1582, 1496, 1463, 1230, 1116.

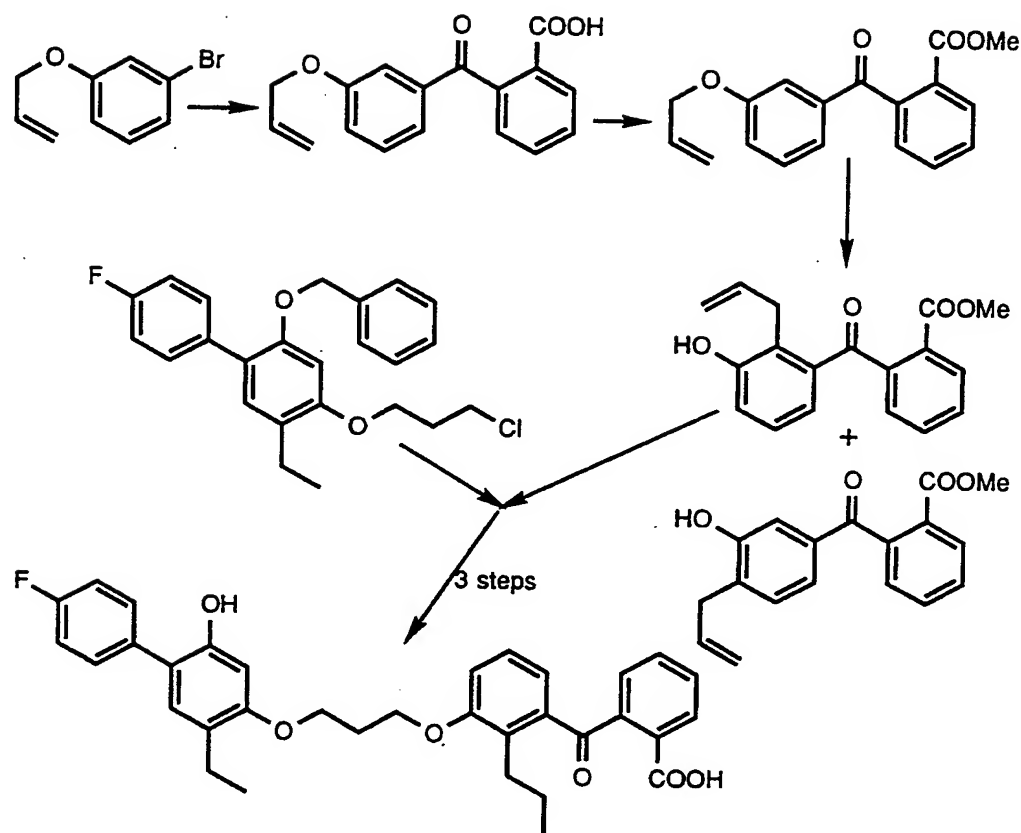
Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

30 Calc:	C,	73.10;	H,	6.31;
Found:	C,	73.24;	H,	6.41.

### Example 78

35 2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]benzoyl]benzoic acid

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#### A. Preparation of 2-[3-(allyloxy)benzoyl]benzoic acid.

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To a solution of 3-(allyloxy)bromobenzene (15.0 g, 70.5 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (750 mL) at -70°C was added 1.6M *n*-butyllithium (44.1 mL, 70.5 mmol). After stirring for 1 hour, a solution of phthalic anhydride (11.4 g, 77.0 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (100 mL, previously cooled to -70°C) was added over 1 hour. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 3 hours. The mixture was diluted with saturated ammonium chloride solution and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layer was washed three times with 1N sodium hydroxide solution and the combined aqueous layers were back-extracted with a fresh portion of diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was adjusted to pH~3 with aqueous hydrochloric acid and extracted three times with fresh diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were washed once with water, once with saturated sodium chloride solution,

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dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal an off-white solid. Recrystallization from ether/hexane provided 10.3 g (52%) of the title intermediate as a white crystalline material: mp 109°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.20 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (m, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H); MS-FD m/e 283 (p + 1, 27), 282 (p, 100).

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

	Calc:	C,	72.33;	H,	5.00;
10	Found:	C,	72.07;	H,	5.22.

B. Preparation of 2-[3-(allyloxy)benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester.

15 A solution of 2-[3-(allyloxy)benzoyl]benzoic acid (9.00 g, 31.9 mmol) in methanol (100 mL) was saturated with hydrogen chloride gas. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and diluted with diethyl ether. The resulting solution was washed sequentially with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, water, and a saturated sodium chloride solution. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting pale yellow oil solidified upon standing to provide 9.45 g (100%) of the desired title product as a white solid: mp 50-52°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (m, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 4 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H); MS-FD m/e 297 (p + 1, 40), 296 (p, 100); IR.

Analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

30	Calc:	C,	72.46;	H,	5.44;
	Found:	C,	72.75;	H,	5.58.

C. Preparation of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester and 2-[3-hydroxy-4-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester.

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2-[3-(Allyloxy)benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester (6.70 g, 20.2 mmol) was heated neat at 175°C for 30 hours. The product mixture was cooled to room temperature and purified via silica gel chromatography (95:5 methylene chloride/ethyl acetate) to provide 3.62 g (54%) of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]-benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester and 1.44 g (21%) of 2-[3-hydroxy-4-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester as white solids.

2-[3-Hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester, mp 107-109°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.91 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (m, 1H), 5.42 (bs, 1H, -OH), 5.23 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H); MS-FD m/e 297 (p + 1, 40), 296 (p, 100), 278 (45); IR.

Analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc:	C,	72.96;	H,	5.44;
Found:	C,	73.26;	H,	5.54.

2-[3-Hydroxy-4-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester, mp 139-140°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.08 (dd, J = 7.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.62 (bs, 1H, -OH), 5.15 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 5 Hz, 2H); MS-FD m/e 297 (p + 1, 20), 296 (p, 100); IR.

Analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc:	C,	72.96;	H,	5.44;
Found:	C,	73.11;	H,	5.50.

D. Preparation of 2-[2-[3-(1-propenyl)]-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]benzoyl]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-[3-Hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester (520 mg, 1.75 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). Recrystallization of the crude product from ether/hexane provided 750 mg (65%) of the desired title intermediate as a white solid: mp 90-91°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.91 (m, 1H),

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7.53 (m, 4H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.02-7.22 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.10 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.99 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (m, 4H), 3.77 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.64 (q, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H); MS-FD  
5 m/e 659 (p + 1, 44), 658 (p, 100).

Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

Calc:	C,	76.58;	H,	5.97;
Found:	C,	76.79;	H,	6.09.

10 E. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]benzoyl]benzoic acid.

2-[2-[3-(1-Propenyl)]-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]benzoyl]benzoic acid methyl ester (318  
15 mg, 0.483 mmol) was submitted to hydrogenation conditions as described above for the preparation of Example 71(C). Hydrolysis of the resulting ester as described above for the preparation of Example 60 and purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 150 mg (56%) of the title product as a glass: NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  
20 10.15 (bs, 1H, -OH), 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 6.98-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.20 (quintet, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (hextet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); IR, MS.

25 Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F:

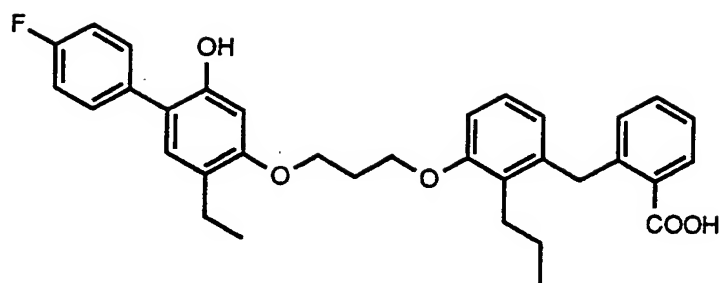
Calc:	C,	73.36;	H,	5.98;
Found:	C,	69.71;	H,	5.90.

### Example 79

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2-[[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]methyl]benzoic acid

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A. Preparation of 2-[(3-hydroxy-2-propylphenyl)methyl]benzoic acid methyl ester.

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A mixture of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]benzoyl]-benzoic acid methyl ester (3.00 g, 10.1 mmol), concentrated sulfuric acid (1 mL), and 5% palladium on carbon (1.5 g) in methanol (95 mL) was hydrogenated at 4 atmospheres for 18 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*  
10 to a volume of approximately 30 mL, filtered, and saturated with hydrogen chloride gas. The resulting mixture was stirred for 18 hours, then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in diethyl ether and washed with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The aqueous layer was back-extracted with a fresh portion of diethyl ether. The  
15 combined organic layers were washed with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide 2.60 g (90%) of the title intermediate as an orange oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.97 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.58 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (hextet, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 285 (p + 1, 23), 284 (100); IR.

B. Preparation of 2-[[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]-methyl]benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-[(3-Hydroxy-2-propylphenyl)methyl]benzoic acid methyl ester (2.00 g, 4.68 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the  
30 preparation of Example 66(A). Recrystallization of the crude product

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from hexane provided 1.72 g (38%) of the title intermediate as a white solid: mp 83-84°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.94 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 7H), 7.05-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.21 (m, 4H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.54-2.68 (m, 4H), 2.32 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 648 (p + 1, 40), 647 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2964, 1718, 1603, 1497, 1459, 1143.

Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F:

10	Calc:	C,	77.99;	H,	6.70;
	Found:	C,	79.47;	H,	6.76.

C. Preparation of 2-[[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]methyl]-benzoic acid.

15 2-[[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]methyl]benzoic acid methyl ester (1.50 mg, 2.32 mmol) was submitted to de-benzoylation conditions as described above for the preparation of Example 71(C). Hydrolysis of the  
20 resulting ester as described above for the preparation of Example 60 followed by recrystallization of the crude product from ether/hexane provided 860 mg (68%) of the desired title product as a white solid: mp 150-151°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.11 (dd, J = 7.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.95-7.25 (m, 5H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.21 (m, 4H), 2.62 (m, 4H), 2.35 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (hextet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 543 (p + 1, 40), 542 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3400 (b), 2966, 1696, 1603, 1496, 1459, 1238, 1146, 1111.

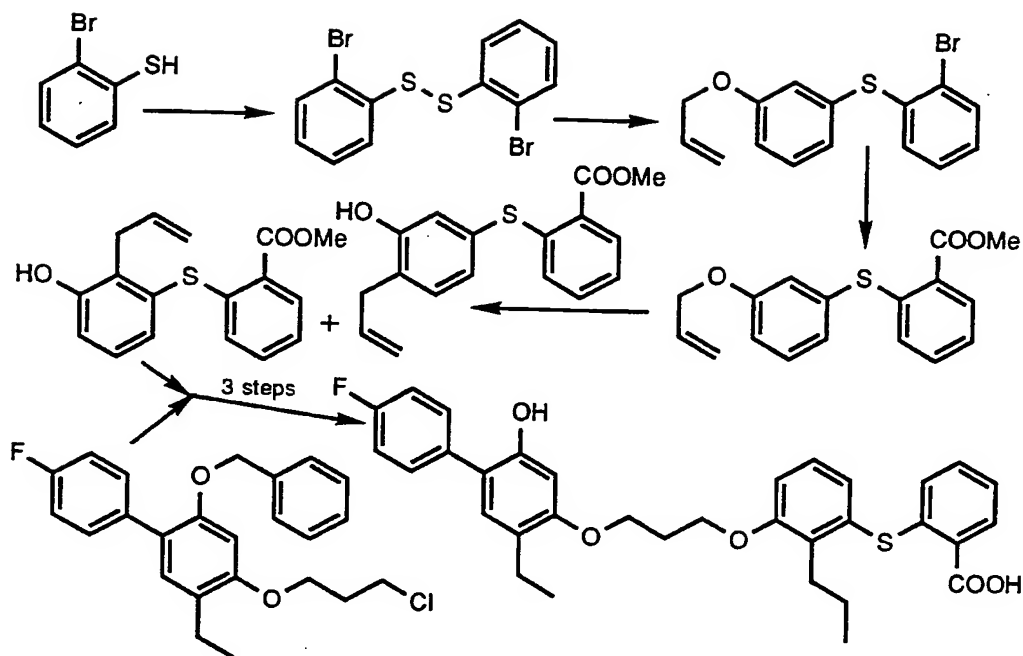
Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F:

30	Calc:	C,	75.26;	H,	6.50;
	Found:	C,	75.26;	H,	6.62.

#### Example 80

35 2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid

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#### A. Preparation of 2-bromophenyldisulfide.

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To a mixture of 2-bromothiophenol (20.0 g, 106 mmol) and 2N sodium hydroxide solution (100 mL) in diethyl ether (400 mL) was added solid iodine (13.4 g, 53.0 mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour at which time the ether layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with a fresh portion of ether and the combined ether layers were washed once with water, once with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide 17.2 g (43%) of intermediate product as a white solid: mp 95-97°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H); MS-FD m/e 380 (p + 4, 20), 379 (p + 3, 30), 378 (p + 2, 85), 376 (p, 100), 374 (p - 2, 75); IR.

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Analysis for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>:

Calc:	C,	38.32;	H,	2.14;
Found:	C,	38.61;	H,	2.13.

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#### B. Preparation of 2-[3-(allyloxy)thiophenoxy]-bromobenzene.

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To a solution of 3-(allyloxy)bromobenzene (8.20 g, 38.7 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (600 mL) at -74°C was added 1.6M *n*-butyllithium (24.2 mL, 38.7 mmol). After stirring for 30 minutes this solution was cannulated into a solution of 2-bromophenyl-disulfide (16.0 g, 42.5 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (160 mL) at -74°C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature then diluted with saturated ammonium chloride solution and filtered. The aqueous layer was extracted with three times with diethyl ether and the combined organic layers were washed once with water, once with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography provided 9.40 g (76%) of the title intermediate as a light yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.58 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.85-7.15 (m, 5H), 6.04 (m, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H); MS-FD *m/e* 322 (*p*, 100), 320 (*p*, 75); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3223 (*b*), 1688, 1345, 1161, 1013, 678.

Analysis for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OBrS:

Calc:	C,	56.09;	H,	4.08;
Found:	C,	56.31;	H,	4.22.

C. Preparation of 2-[3-(allyloxy)thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

To a solution of 2-[3-(allyloxy)thiophenoxy]bromobenzene (9.00 g, 28.0 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (175 mL) at -78°C was added 1.6M *n*-butyllithium (19.2 mL, 30.8 mmol) dropwise. After stirring for 15 minutes, the solution was saturated with carbon dioxide gas resulting in a thick gel. Tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) was added and the resulting mixture allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was diluted with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The aqueous layer was extracted once with diethyl ether and the combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in a fresh portion of ether and extracted with 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide. The aqueous layer was washed with a fresh portion of ether and acidified with aqueous hydrochloric acid. The resulting aqueous layer was extracted with a fresh portion of ether. The organic layer was washed

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with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude acid was dissolved in methanol (125 mL) and the resulting solution saturated with hydrogen chloride gas. After stirring for 18 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue dissolved in ether, and the resulting solution washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The aqueous layer was back-extracted with a fresh portion of ether and the combined organic layers were washed once with water, once with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 4.80 g (68%) of the desired title intermediate as a faint yellow oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.99 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (m, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 11 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H); MS-FD m/e 301 (p + 1, 25), 300 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3025, 1712, 1590, 1463, 1437, 1254, 1060.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S:

Calc:	C,	67.98;	H,	5.37;
Found:	C,	67.86;	H,	5.29.

D. Preparation of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]-thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester and 2-[3-hydroxy-4-[3-(1-propenyl)]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-[3-(Allyloxy)thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (5.40 g, 15.0 mmol) was heated neat at 175°C for 29 hours. The product mixture was cooled to room temperature and purified via silica gel chromatography (methylene chloride) to provide 2.22 g (41%) of 2-[3-hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]thio-phenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester and 1.46 g (27%) of 2-[3-hydroxy-4-[3-(1-propenyl)]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester as white solids.

2-[3-Hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester, mp 72-74°C; NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 9.79 (s, 1H, -OH), 7.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, J = 7, 1 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.83 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 5 Hz, 2H);



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MS-FD m/e 301 (p + 1, 21), 300 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3595, 3350 (b), 3029, 3010, 2954, 1711, 1420, 1436, 1273, 1146, 1060.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S:

5                   Calc:       C,    67.98;       H,    5.37;  
                  Found:    C,    68.28;       H,    5.41.

2-[3-Hydroxy-4-[3-(1-propenyl)]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester, mp 96-97°C; NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 9.78 (s, 1H, -OH), 7.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.00-5.12 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 10 3.30 (d, J = 4 Hz, 2H); MS-FD m/e 301 (p + 1, 45), 300 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3595, 3300(b), 3029, 3010, 2954, 1711, 1436, 1310, 1255, 942.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S:

15                   Calc:       C,    67.98;       H,    5.37;  
                  Found:    C,    68.04;       H,    5.47.

E.    Preparation of 2-[2-[3-(1-propenyl)]-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]-thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

20           2-[3-Hydroxy-2-[3-(1-propenyl)]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (2.00 g, 6.66 mmol) was alkylated with 2-benzyloxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). Purification via silica gel chromatography (hexane/diethyl ether) provided 2.90 g (66%) of desired 25 intermediate product as a white solid: mp 76-77°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.03 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.40 (m, 8H), 6.98-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.83-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.26 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (quintet, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, 30 J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 664 (p + 2, 40), 663 (p + 1, 70), 662 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3011, 2970, 2940, 2890, 1712, 1497, 1452, 1298, 1255, 1145, 1060.

Analysis for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>5</sub>FS:

35                   Calc:       C,    74.30;       H,    5.93;  
                  Found:    C,    74.46;       H,    6.13.

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F. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester.

2-[2-[3-(1-Propenyl)]-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(phenylmethoxy)phenoxy]propoxy]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (2.70 g, 4.07 mmol) was hydrogenated as described above for the preparation of Example 71(C) to provide an oil (~2 g). A solution of this material (1.39 g) in methylene chloride (25 mL) at -78°C was treated with 1M boron tribromide (3.61 mL, 3.61 mmol) and allowed to stir for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a yellow oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography provided 770 mg (47%) of the title intermediate as a white solid: mp 105-106°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.02 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.30 (m, 8H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.10 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.83 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (quintet, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (hextet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 575 (p + 1, 20), 574 (p, 100); IR.

G. Preparation of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid.

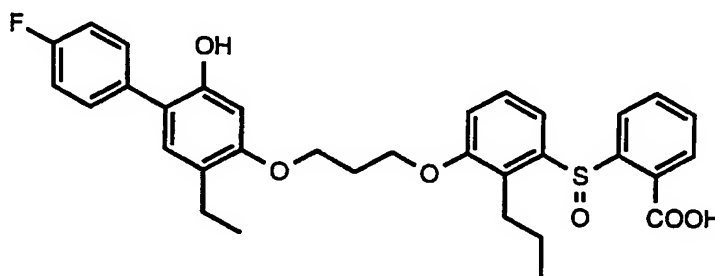
2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid methyl ester (700 mg, 1.22 mmol) was hydrolyzed as described above for the preparation of Example 60 to provide 689 mg (100%) of the desired title product as a white solid: mp 153-155°C; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.13 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.33 (6H), 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.90 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.24 (m, 4H), 2.82 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (hextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 561 (p + 1, 20), 560 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2967, 1700, 1603, 1497, 1451, 1147, 1043.

Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>5</sub>FS:

Calc:	C,	70.69;	H,	5.93;
Found:	C,	70.43;	H,	5.97.

Example 81

5                   2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenylsulfinyl]benzoic acid



To a solution of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]thiophenoxy]benzoic acid (450 mg, 0.803 mmol) in methylene chloride (10 mL) at -78°C was added a solution of 85% m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (138 mg) in methylene chloride (2 mL). After 40 minutes the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue via silica gel chromatography (95% chloroform/4.5% methanol/0.5% acetic acid) provided 380 mg (80%) of the title product as an off-white solid: mp >100°C (dec); NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.53 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.94-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 6.38 (bs, 1H, -OH), 4.15 (m, 4H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.57 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (quintet, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); MS (high resolution) calc 577.202642 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found 577.203800; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2969, 1708, 1497, 1455, 1266, 1146, 1018.

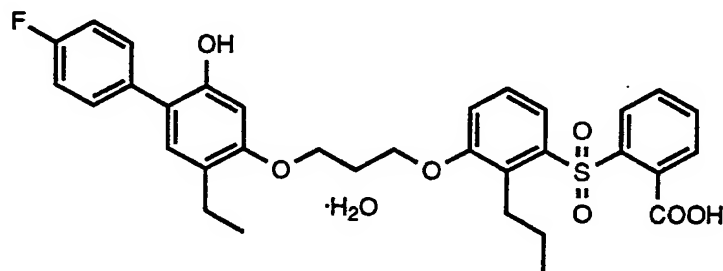
Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>6</sub>FS:

25	Calc:	C,	68.73;	H,	5.77;
	Found:	C,	67.54;	H,	5.69.

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2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenylsulfonyl]benzoic acid hydrate



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To a solution of 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenylsulfinyl]benzoic acid (150 mg, 0.260 mmol) in methylene chloride (3.0 mL) at 0°C was added a solution of 85% *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (53 mg) in methylene chloride (1 mL). After 1 hour the mixture was warmed to 4°C and stirred for 18 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*; purification of the residue via silica gel chromatography (90% chloroform/9.5% methanol/0.5% acetic acid) provided 90 mg (58%) of the title product as a white solid: mp 80-90°C; NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.19 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.44 (q,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 0.90-1.10 (m, 5H), 0.71 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 3H); MS-FD  $m/e$  595 ( $p + 2$ , 30), 594 ( $p + 1$ , 40), 593 ( $p$ , 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $cm^{-1}$ ) 2966, 1730, 1603, 1497, 1299, 1146.

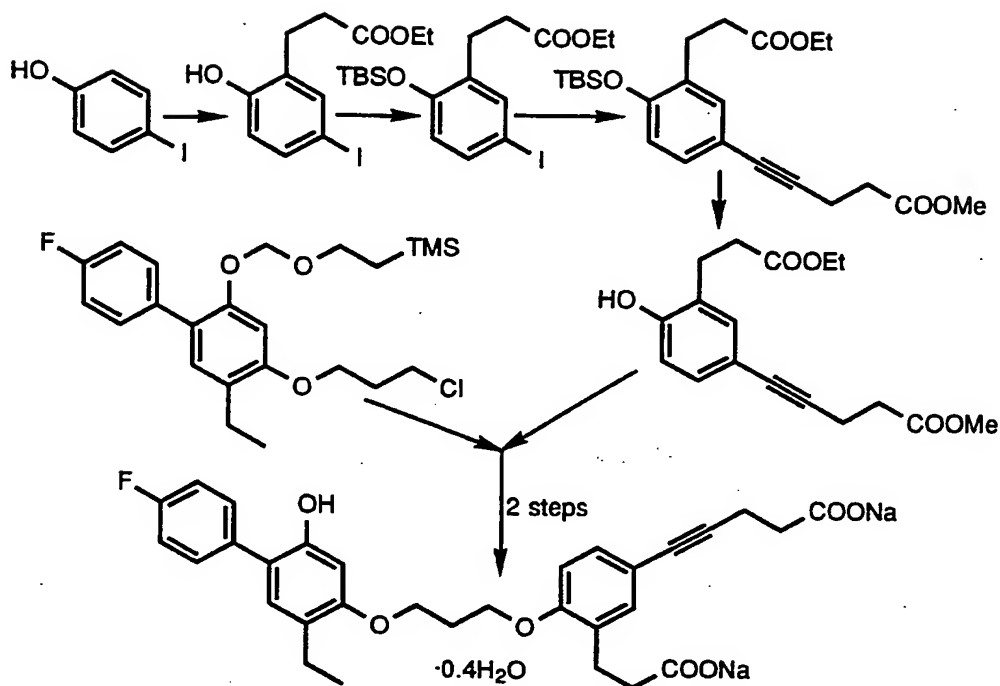
Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>7</sub>FS·H<sub>2</sub>O:

20	Calc:	C,	64.90;	H,	5.78;
	Found:	C,	64.89;	H,	5.67.

Example 83

25      5-[3-[2-(1-Carboxy)ethyl]-4-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid disodium salt 0.4 hydrate

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A. Preparation of 3-(2-hydroxy-5-iodophenyl)propanoic acid ethyl ester.

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4-Iodophenol (6.00 g, 27.3 mmol) was treated with triethylorthoacrylate as described above for the preparation of Example 59(A). The crude material was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and treated with 1N aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.3 mL) at room temperature for 1 hour. The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide an oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 1.64 g (19%) of the title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.60 (bs, 1H, -OH), 7.40 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.74 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

B. Preparation of 3-[2-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethyl-silyloxy]-5-iodophenyl]propanoic acid ethyl ester.

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A mixture of 3-(2-hydroxy-5-iodophenyl)propanoic acid ethyl ester (1.64 g, 5.13 mmol), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (772 mg, 5.13 mmol), and imidazole (700 mg, 10.3 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) was refluxed for 18 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ether, and washed with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide 2.02 g (91%) of the title intermediate as an oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.46 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 6H); MS-FD m/e 434 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2933, 1727, 1483, 1258, 1183, 1118, 1044, 918, 843.

C. Preparation of 5-[3-[2-(1-carboethoxy)ethyl]-4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid methyl ester.

A mixture of 3-[2-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-5-iodophenyl]propanoic acid ethyl ester (1.60 g, 3.68 mmol), 4-pentynoic acid methyl ester (412 mg, 3.68 mmol), copper(I) iodide (25 mg, 0.13 mmol), and bis(triphenylphosphine)-palladium(II) chloride (20 mg, 0.028 mmol) in diethylamine (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal a dark oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography provided 870 mg (58%) of the title intermediate as an oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.21 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.68 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.24 (s, 6H); MS-FD m/e 419 (p + 1, 26), 418 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3450 (b), 3023, 1730, 1603, 1497, 1278, 1043, 842.

Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si:

Calc:	C,	65.99;	H,	8.19;
Found:	C,	66.18;	H,	8.01.

D. Preparation of 5-[3-[2-(1-carboethoxy)ethyl]-4-hydroxyphenyl]-4-pentynoic acid methyl ester.

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A mixture of 5-[3-[2-(1-carboethoxy)ethyl]-4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid methyl ester (3.70 g, 8.85 mmol) and tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (2.50 g, 9.58 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The mixture was diluted with diethyl ether and washed twice with water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal a brown oil. Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 1.10 g (41%) of the title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.62 (s, 1H, -OH), 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.85 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.55-2.77 (m, 6H), 1.24 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H); MS-FD m/e 305 (p + 1, 18), 304 (100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3325 (b), 3028, 1733, 1500, 1379, 1233, 1167.

Analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>:

Calc:	C,	67.09;	H,	6.62;
Found:	C,	66.83;	H,	6.71.

E. Preparation of 5-[3-[2-(1-carboethoxy)ethyl]-4-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy-methoxy]phenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid methyl ester.

5-[3-[2-(1-Carboethoxy)ethyl]-4-hydroxyphenyl]-4-pentynoic acid methyl ester (500 mg, 0.942 mmol) was alkylated with 2-[(2-trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methoxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-ethyl-4-(3-chloro-1-propyloxy)benzene as described above for the preparation of Example 66(A). Purification via silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) provided 320 mg (49%) of title intermediate as a colorless oil: NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.23 (m, 4H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.65 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.68 (m, 6H), 2.35 (quintet, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.00 (s, 9H); MS-FD m/e 637 (p, 100); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2972, 1731, 1605, 1498, 1234, 1058, 839.

Analysis for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>51</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Si:

Calc:	C,	67.96;	H,	7.27;
Found:	C,	68.19;	H,	7.28.

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F. Preparation of 5-[3-[2-(1-carboxy)ethyl]-4-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid disodium salt 0.4 hydrate.

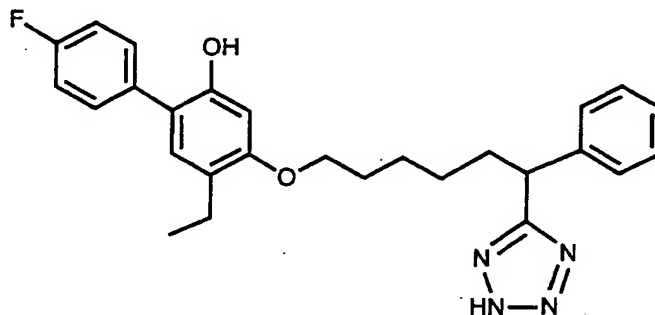
5 A mixture of 5-[3-[2-(1-carboethoxy)ethyl]-4-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxy]-phenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid methyl ester (300 mg, 0.434 mmol) and tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (465 mg, 1.78 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was stirred at 40°C for 48 hours. The reaction  
10 was cooled to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether, and washed with water. The organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* to reveal an oil. Hydrolysis, salt formation, and purification as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) to provided 112 mg (45%) of title  
15 product as an off-white solid: mp 73-76°C; NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.13 (m, 6H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); MS-FAB *m/e* 580 (*p* + 1, 6), 579 (*p*, 23); IR (mull, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 1565, 1502, 1464, 1377, 1241, 1148, 839.

Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>7</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>·0.4 H<sub>2</sub>O:

20           Calc:       C,   63.56;       H,   5.13;  
              Found:   C,   63.68;       H,   4.96.

#### Example 84

25           1-Phenyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane





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## A. Preparation of 7-chloro-2-phenylheptanenitrile.

Lithium diisopropylamine (0.1 mol) was prepared by adding n-butyl lithium in hexane (0.1 mol) to diisopropylamine (10.1 g, 0.1 mol) dissolved in toluene cooled to -78°C under nitrogen. To this solution was added benzyl cyanide (11.7 g, 0.1 mol). The solution was allowed to stir at -78°C for 60 minutes then 5-chloro-1-bromopentane was added and the solution slowly allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 hours. The cloudy solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for an additional 3 hours. The toluene solution was then washed with aqueous ammonium chloride solution (250 mL) and the toluene layer separated and dried with magnesium sulfate. The toluene solution was evaporated to an oil which was distilled bulb to bulb at 10 mm of Hg up to an oven temperature of 120°C to remove unreacted starting materials. The residual oil was the title compound (16.8 g, 76%) which was shown by NMR to contain a small percentage of the corresponding bromide but was otherwise pure and was used as is. NMR.

## B. Preparation of 2-phenyl-7-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile.

2-Hydroxy-5-benzyloxyacetophenone (2.42 g, 0.01 mol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (100 mL) and 7-chloro-2-phenylheptanenitrile (2.21 g, 0.01 mol) added followed by finely divided potassium carbonate (5 g) and potassium iodide (1 g). The stirred suspension was refluxed under nitrogen for 20 hours. The solution was then filtered and evaporated to an oil which was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with 1:1 ether/hexane to give 2.8 g (65.5%) of the title compound as a colorless oil. NMR.

## C. Preparation of 2-phenyl-7-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile.

2-Phenyl-7-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile (1.4 g, 3.28 mmol) was dissolved in carbon tetrachloride (100 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL) added followed by triethylsilane (10 mL). The solution was

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allowed to stand at room temperature for 6 hours. At this time the NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture showed the reaction to be incomplete and additional trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL) and triethylsilane (5 mL) were added and the solution allowed to stand overnight. The solution  
5 was then evaporated to dryness and the residue chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with ether/hexane (1:1). The title compound was obtained as an oil - yield 1.21 g (89%). NMR.

D. Preparation of 2-phenyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile.  
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2-Phenyl-7-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile (1.23 g, 3 mmol) was dissolved in carbon tetrachloride (50 mL) and a suspension of N-bromosuccinimide (534 mg, 3 mmol) was added. The solution was  
15 then stirred at room temperature. After about 40 minutes, a precipitate came out of solution and after 1 hour the reaction was complete as assessed by TLC. The suspension was filtered and evaporated to an oil which was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with ether/hexane (1:1) to yield 1.21 g (82%) of the title intermediate as a  
20 colorless oil. NMR.

E. Preparation of 2-phenyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile.

25 2-Phenyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-heptanenitrile (1.21 g, 2.46 mmol) was dissolved in benzene (45 mL) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (284.3 mg, 0.246 mmol) was added followed by a solution of 4-fluorophenylboronic acid (516 mg, 3.69 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL). A 2M aqueous sodium carbonate solution (15  
30 mL) was added and the resultant orange solution refluxed for 17 hours under nitrogen. The almost black suspension was then cooled and added to a 10% aqueous ammonia solution (100 mL) and extracted 3 times with dichloromethane. The combined extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to an oil which was chromatographed on a silica  
35 gel column eluting with hexane/ether (1:1) to remove

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triphenylphosphine. The title compound was obtained as an oil in 57.5% (720 mg) yield. NMR.

F. Preparation of 1-phenyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane.

2-Phenyl-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)heptanenitrile (700 mg, 1.38 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (20 mL) and sodium azide (0.6 g) and triethylamine hydrochloride added (1.2 g) and the stirred suspension heated at 110°C for 3 days. The suspension was then added to 1M hydrochloric acid (100 mL) and the solution extracted 4 times with chloroform. The combined chloroform extracts were washed with water and dried with magnesium sulfate. On evaporation the solution yielded 680 mg (72%) of the title compound as a crude oil which was then directly deprotected.

G. Preparation of 1-phenyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane

Crude 1-phenyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane (150 mg, 0.27 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (100 mL) and 5% palladium on carbon (0.5 g) added to the solution under a blanket of carbon dioxide. The suspension was then hydrogenated at 50 psi for 3 hours. The catalyst was filtered off and the ethanol evaporated to leave an oil which was purified by reverse phase chromatography on a C<sub>18</sub> column eluting with methanol/water (9:1). The title compound was the second eluting component which was obtained in 88.5% yield (110 mg) as a colorless oil after evaporation of the solvent. NMR, MS.

Analysis for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:

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Found: C, 70.41; H, 6.46; N, 12.16.

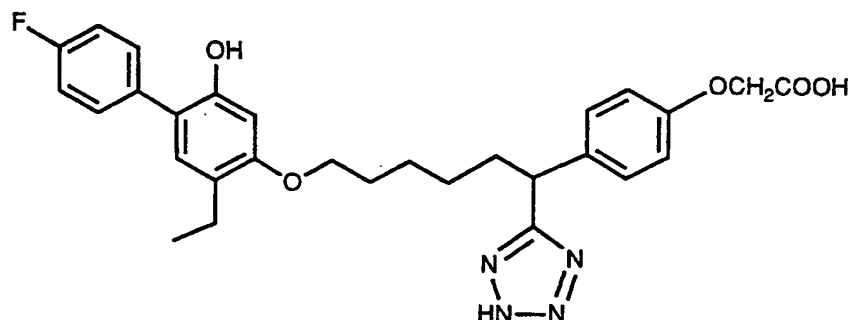
The more polar first eluting component was shown by NMR to be 1-phenyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane, yield 15 mg.

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Example 85

1-(4-(Carboxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane

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A. Preparation of 7-chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-heptanenitrile.

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7-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)heptanenitrile was prepared in 71% yield as a pale yellow oil from 4-methoxybenzyl nitrile and 5-chloro-1-bromopentane using the procedure described in Example 84(A) except THF was used in place of toluene due to the greater solubility of the lithium salt. NMR.

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B. Preparation of 7-chloro-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-heptanenitrile.

7-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)heptanenitrile (4.0 g, 16.7 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 mL) and the stirred solution cooled to 0°C. Excess boron tribromide (5 mL) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The solution was then added slowly to a saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (500 mL) and the mixture extracted 3 times with dichloromethane. The combined dichloromethane extracts were dried and evaporated to a pale yellow oil (yield 3.15 g, 83.6%) which was used directly in the next reaction without purification. NMR.

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C. Preparation of 7-chloro-2-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)heptanenitrile.

7-Chloro-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)heptanenitrile (1 g, 4.2 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (100 mL) and freshly ground potassium carbonate (5 g) added to give a slurry. Excess ethyl bromoacetate was added (1.4 g, 8.3 mmol) and the stirred suspension refluxed for 3 hours. The slurry was then poured into water (200 mL) and extracted 3 times with dichloromethane. The combined dichloromethane extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to an oil. Excess bromoester was then removed by azeotrope with toluene yielding the title intermediate in 98% (1.38 g) yield as a pale yellow oil which was essentially pure as judged via the NMR spectrum and used directly in the following reaction. NMR.

D. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane.

2-Hydroxy-4-benzyloxyacetophenone (1.04 g, 4.3 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (50 mL) and 7-chloro-2-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)heptanenitrile (1.4 g, 4.3 mmol) added. Potassium iodide (1.5 g) was then added and the suspension allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours. Potassium carbonate (3 g) was added and the stirred suspension heated to 110°C for 16 hours under nitrogen. The suspension was then added to water (150 mL) and extracted 3 times with chloroform. The combined chloroform extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to a brown oil which was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with ether/hexane (1:1). The major component of the mixture was isolated as pale yellow crystals (yield 270 mg, 14%) from hexane/ether, mp 102-4°C. NMR. A further 180 mg of oily crystals were eventually isolated from the mother liquors.

E. Preparation of 7-iodo-2-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)heptanenitrile.

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7-Chloro-2-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-heptanenitrile (3.34 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (100 mL). Sodium iodide (3 g) was added and the stirred suspension was then refluxed overnight. The solution was cooled, filtered and evaporated to an oily solid. The oil was dissolved in ether and the solid sodium iodide filtered off. The title compound was obtained as a yellow oil on evaporation of the ether, yield 4.25 g (100%). This crude iodide was used directly in the next reaction.

10 F. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane.

2-Hydroxy-4-benzyloxyacetophenone (2.42 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (50 mL) and 7-iodo-2-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)heptanenitrile (4.3 g, 10 mmol) added followed by potassium carbonate (10 g) and the stirred suspension heated at 110°C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was then worked-up as in Example 85(D) to provide 4.5 g (90%) of title compound, mp 102-4°C. NMR, MS.

20 Analysis for  $C_{32}H_{35}NO_6$ :

Calc: C, 72.57; H, 6.66; N, 2.65;

Found: C, 72.84; H, 6.65; N, 2.48.

25 G. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane.

1-(4-(Ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-acetyl-5-benzyloxy)phenoxyhexane was converted to the title compound using the procedure described in Example 84(C), yield 86%.

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H. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane.

35 1-(4-(Ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-ethyl-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane (900 mg, 1.8 mmol) was brominated using the procedure described in Example 84(D) except dichloromethane was used

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as solvent and the product was chromatographed using ether/hexane (3:1). Yield after chromatography was 887 mg (83%). NMR.

I. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)-hexane.

The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-ethyl-4-bromo-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane (800 mg, 1.34 mmol) using the procedure in Example 84(E) to provide 672 mg (82%) of a colorless oil. NMR.

J. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane.

1-(4-(Ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-cyano-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane (670 mg, 1.09 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (20 mL). Triethylamine hydrochloride (1.3 g) and sodium azide (0.6 g) were added and the stirred suspension was heated to 117°C for 24 hours. Additional triethylamine hydrochloride (1.3 g) and sodium azide (0.6 g) were added and the mixture heated at 117°C for a further 16 hours. The reaction was then worked-up using the procedure of Example 84(F) to provide 690 mg (97%) of the title intermediate as an oil. NMR.

K. Preparation of 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-phenoxy)hexane.

The title compound was prepared from crude 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)hexane (680 mg, 1.04 mmol) using the procedure of Example 84(G) to provide 540 mg (92%) of the title intermediate as a colorless oil which contained some ethanol of solvation. NMR.

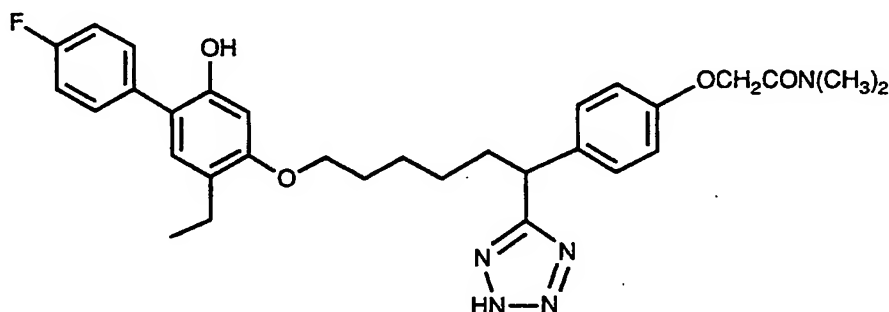
L. Preparation of 1-(4-(carboxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-phenoxy)hexane.

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Crude 1-(4-(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane (50 mg) was dissolved in ethanol (20 mL). 1M Aqueous sodium carbonate solution was added and the resultant solution stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The pH of the solution was then adjusted to 2 using 1M hydrochloric acid and the solution extracted 5 times with chloroform. The combined chloroform extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to an oil which was purified on a reverse phase HPLC C<sub>18</sub> column eluting with methanol/water (85:15) and 0.1% acetic acid. On removal of the solvent 9.7 mg of the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil. MS, NMR.

#### Example 86

1-(4-(Dimethylaminocarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane



1-(4-(Ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-7-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane (100 mg, 0.18 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (25 mL) and dimethylamine dissolved in ethanol 33% (25 mL) was added and the solution allowed to stand at room temperature in a sealed flask for 25 days. The solvent was then evaporated and the title compound slowly crystallized from ether, mp 115-120°C, yield 36.6 mg (36%). NMR, MS.

Analysis for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:

Calc: C, 66.29; H, 6.46; N, 12.47;

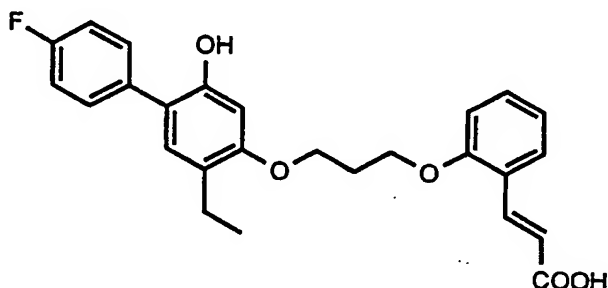


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Found: C, 66.26; H, 6.61; N, 12.29.

Example 87

## 5 3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-E-propenoic acid



## 10 A. Preparation of 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxolane.

2-Hydroxybenzaldehyde (12.2 g, 0.1 mol) was dissolved in toluene (125 mL). Ethylene glycol (12.4 g, 0.2 mol) was added followed by approximately 30 mg para-toluenesulfonic acid as a catalyst. The resultant solution was refluxed under a Dean-Stark trap. After 2 hours an additional 10 mL of ethylene glycol were added and the mixture refluxed for a further 2 hours. The toluene was then decanted off the red resin and washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The toluene layer was then dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to a pale yellow oil which was crystallized from ether/hexane to give the title intermediate as white crystals, mp 68-69°C, yield 10.1 g (61%). NMR.

## 25 B. Preparation of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propyl chloride.

3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl chloride (0.5 g, 1.25 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (50 mL) and 10% palladium on carbon catalyst added under an inert atmosphere of carbon dioxide. The suspension was hydrogenated at room temperature at 30 psi for 2 hours. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate

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evaporated to dryness to give an oil which slowly crystallized as the title intermediate, mp 55-56°C, yield 380 mg (98%). NMR

5 C. Preparation of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propyl chloride.

3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propyl chloride (360 mg, 1.16 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane and acetic anhydride (85 µl, 1.16 mmol) and triethylamine (117 mg, 1.16 mmol)  
10 were added to the stirred solution. After 2 hours an additional 10% equivalent of acetic anhydride and triethylamine was added and the solution stirred for an extra 2 hours at room temperature. The dichloromethane solution was then washed sequentially with aqueous sodium bicarbonate and 1M hydrochloric acid. The dichloromethane  
15 solution was then dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to an oil to give 400 mg (99%) of the title intermediate. NMR.

20 D. Preparation of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propyl iodide.

3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propyl chloride (400 mg, 1.14 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (50 mL) and sodium iodide (2.5 g) added. The stirred suspension was then refluxed for 16 hours. The cooled solution was filtered and the methyl ethyl ketone  
25 evaporated off to leave a residue which was redissolved in ether. The ether solution was filtered and evaporated to a pale yellow oil. The NMR spectrum showed the crude material to be mainly the required product plus a few minor impurities; because of the unstable nature of the material it was used directly in the next reaction.

30 E. Preparation of 2-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane.

60% Sodium hydride in oil was washed with hexane and  
35 suspended in dry DMSO (50 mL) with stirring under nitrogen. 2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxolane (166 mg, 1 mmol) was dissolved in dry

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THF (10 mL) and added to the DMSO solution to give a pale yellow solution. After 20 minutes at room temperature 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propyl iodide (442 mg, 1 mmol) was added as a solution in dry THF (10 mL). After a further 2 hours at room temperature the reaction mixture was poured into pH 7.0 phosphate buffer and the mixture extracted 5 times with ether. The combined ether extracts were washed with water, dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to an oil which was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with ether/hexane (1:1). The title compound was isolated as an oil which was shown by the NMR spectrum to be contaminated with the starting phenol and a byproduct produced by loss of the acetyl group and alkylation produced with the starting iodide. These impurities could not be conveniently separated at this stage and the partially purified material was taken on to the next step.

F. Preparation of 2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propoxy)benzaldehyde.

2-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)-propoxy)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane (300 mg, 0.65 mmol) was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and 1M hydrochloric acid added (10 mL). The resulting colorless solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 3 hours. The solution was poured into an aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted 3 times with ether. The combined ether extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to 270 mg of an oil. This material contained some 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde which was removed by passing the oil through a short silica gel column eluting with ether/hexane (1:1). The resulting material still contained the aldehyde of the over-alkylation product formed in the previous reaction which still could not be easily removed but was evident in the NMR spectrum. This crude material was then used in the next reaction.

G. Preparation of 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-E-propenoic acid.

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2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)-propoxy)benzaldehyde (210 mg, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (25 mL) and pyridine (1 mL), piperidine hydrochloride (100 mg) and malonic acid (1 g) were added. The solution was then refluxed for 3  
5 hours. At that time an extra portion of malonic acid (0.5 g) was added and the solution refluxed for a further hour. The cooled solution was extracted with 1M hydrochloric acid. The aqueous layer was washed 3 times with ether and the combined toluene and ether extracts washed once with water and dried with magnesium sulfate. On evaporation the  
10 solution yielded an oil which was a mixture of two compounds with similar R<sub>f</sub> values. This compounds were separated on a silica gel column eluting with 1:1 ether/hexane containing 1.0% acetic acid. The title compound was the more polar compound obtained as a glass (yield 107 mg, 46%); NMR. The less polar compound was identified as 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
15 (2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-E-propenoic acid by MS and NMR (yield 91 mg obtained as an oil).

H. Preparation of 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
20 hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-E-propenoic acid.

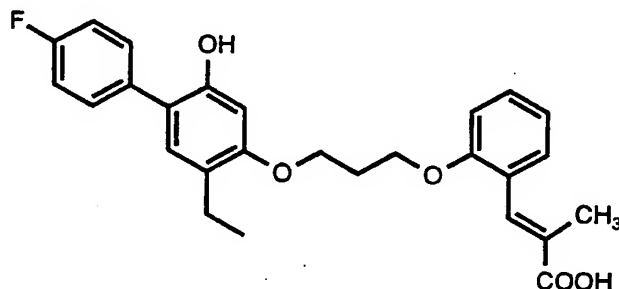
3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-acetoxyphenoxy)-propoxy)phenyl)-E-propenoic acid (90 mg, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (10 mL). 0.1M Aqueous potassium carbonate solution was  
25 added and the solution stirred under nitrogen overnight. The thin-layer chromatogram showed a single spot of the same R<sub>f</sub> as the starting material so additional 1.0 M potassium carbonate solution was added and the solution stirred for a further 4 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into 1M hydrochloric acid (50 mL) and the mixture extracted 3  
30 times with chloroform. The combined chloroform extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to provide 63 mg of the title intermediate as an oil which solidified to a glass. MS, NMR.

#### Example 88

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3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-2-methyl-E-propenoic acid



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A. Preparation of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)propyl chloride.

3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propyl chloride  
 10 (400 mg, 1.29 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (25 mL) and the solution cooled to 0°C under nitrogen. N,N-Diisopropylethylamine (832.0 mg, 6.45 mmol) was added followed by 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl chloride (645 mg, 3.87 mmol) and the mixture allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour. The reaction mixture was then poured into 1M  
 15 hydrochloric acid and extracted 3 times with dichloromethane. The combined dichloromethane extracts were dried over magnesium sulfate and the dichloromethane evaporated to an oil. This oil was then placed under high vacuum for 48 hours at room temperature to remove volatile impurities. The residual oil was the title compound, yield 490 mg (86%).  
 20 NMR.

B. Preparation of 3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)propyl iodide.

25 The title compound was made from corresponding chloride using the procedure described in Example 87(D). The unstable iodide was characterized by NMR and used directly in the next reaction.

C. Preparation of 2-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane.

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The title compound was prepared using the general procedure described in Example 87(E), yield 86% of an oil after chromatography. NMR.

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D. Preparation of 2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)propoxy)benzaldehyde.

10 The title compound was prepared from 2-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)-propoxy)phenyl-1,3-dioxolane using the general procedure described in Example 87(F), yield 82% as an oil. NMR.

15 E. Preparation 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-2-methyl-E-propenoic acid.

20 The title compound was prepared using the general procedure described in Example 87(G) except methyl malonic acid was used instead of malonic acid. The crude product was found to be a mixture of the title compound plus the 5-hydroxy analog formed by partial loss of the SEM protecting group. The crude product was therefore completely deprotected in the next reaction without further purification. NMR.

25 F. Preparation 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-2-methyl-E-propenoic acid.

30 Crude 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)-2-methyl-E-propenoic acid (300 mg) containing some of the title compound was dissolved in THF (50 mL) and tetrabutylammonium fluoride monohydrate (2 g) added as a solution also in THF (20 mL). The resultant yellow solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into 1M hydrochloric acid and extracted 3 times with ether. The combined ether extracts were  
35 dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to dryness to leave an oil.

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This oil was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with 1:1 ether/hexane containing 1% acetic acid. The major component was the title compound with minor impurities present. The oil was further purified on a C<sub>18</sub> reverse phase HPLC column eluting with

5 methanol/water (90:10) containing 0.1% acetic acid. The major component was isolated and slowly crystallized from ether/hexane to provide 110 mg of the desired title compound, mp 112-114°C. The 2D-NOE spectra confirmed the isomer isolated to be the E isomer. NMR, MS.

Analysis for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F:

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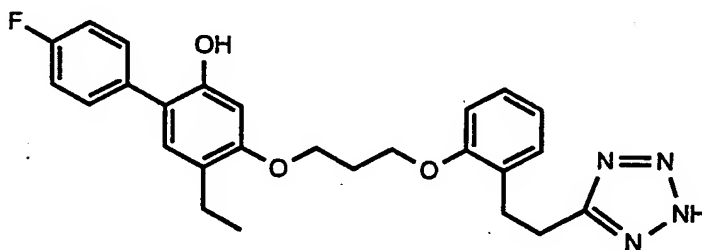
Calc: C, 71.98; H, 6.04;

Found: C, 72.06; H, 6.21.

### Example 89

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5-(2-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazole



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A. Preparation of 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propyl nitrile.

3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propyl chloride (199 mg, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in methyl ethyl ketone (50 mL) and sodium iodide (0.5 g) added and the resulting suspension stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 3-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)propyl nitrile (73.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added followed by potassium carbonate (1 g). The resultant suspension was refluxed under nitrogen for 28 hours. The reaction mixture was then poured into water (50 mL) and the mixture extracted 3

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30 times with chloroform. The combined extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to an oil which was

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chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with 1:1 ether/hexane. The title compound was obtained as a colorless oil, yield 131 mg (51%). NMR.

- 5           B.     Preparation of 5-(2-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazole.

3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-  
phenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)propyl nitrile (120 mg, 0.24 mmol) was dissolved  
10 in DMF (20 mL) and sodium azide (0.6 g, 1.0 mmol) and  
triethylammonium chloride (1.37 g, 1.0 mmol) was added and the  
stirred mixture heated to 125°C for 24 hours under nitrogen. An  
additional 1 mmol of both sodium azide and triethylammonium chloride  
was then added. After a further 24 hours of heating another aliquot of  
15 azide and hydrochloride was added and the mixture heated for a final 6  
hours. The reaction mixture was then added to 1M hydrochloric acid  
(100 mL) and the mixture extracted 3 times with chloroform. The  
combined extracts were dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated  
to an oil which slowly became a waxy solid without a definable melting  
20 point. The material was determined to be the DMF solvate of the title  
compound. NMR.

- C.     Preparation of 5-(2-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-  
hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazole.

25           5-(2-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxy-  
phenoxy)propoxy)phenyl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazole (90 mg, 0.16 mmol) was  
dissolved in ethanol and 10% palladium on carbon catalyst was added  
under an atmosphere of carbon dioxide. The mixture was then  
30 hydrogenated at 30 psi at room temperature for 1 hour. The catalyst was  
filtered off and the solution evaporated to dryness to give an oil. This oil  
was then purified by reverse phase HPLC on a C<sub>18</sub> column eluting with  
methanol/water (90:10) containing 0.01% acetic acid. The title compound  
was isolated as an oil (yield 41 mg, 55%) containing 0.3 equivalents of  
35 acetic acid. NMR, MS.

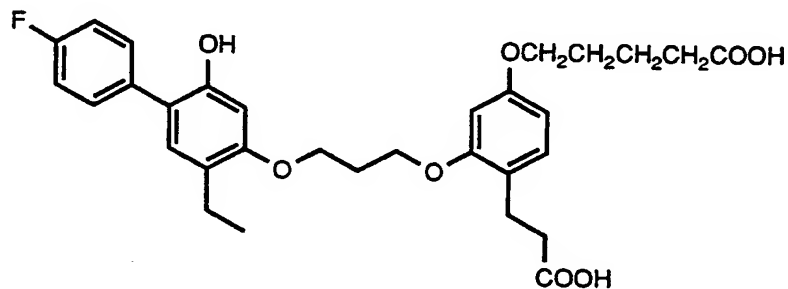


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Example 90

3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-phenoxy)propoxy)-4-(4-carboxybutyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid

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In the same manner as described for Example 5, 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-benzyloxyphenoxy)propoxy)-4-(4-carboxybutyloxy)phenyl)propionic acid was debenzylated to provide the title compound in 20% yield. NMR.

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Analysis for  $C_{31}H_{35}FO_8$ :

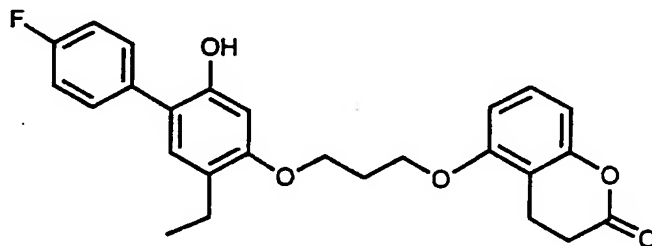
Calc: C,	67.14;	H,	6.36;
Found: C,	67.40;	H,	6.45.

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Example 91

5-[3-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-2-one

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When methyl 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (Example 12) was hydrolyzed under the conditions of Preparation 26, in addition to the desired product 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-

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hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-hydroxyphenyl)-propionic acid (Example 13), the title product was isolated in 10% yield, as isolated by preparative reverse phase HPLC. NMR, MS.

Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{25}FO_5$ :

5            Calc: C,    76.55;        H,    5.77;  
             Found:    C,    76.39;        H,    5.92.

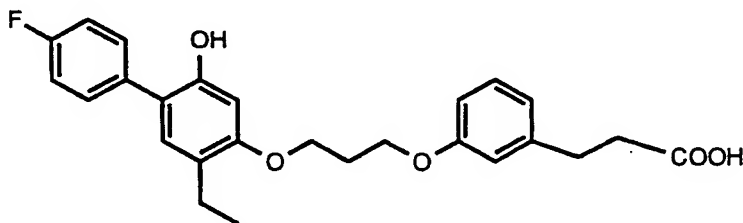
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10            The following compounds were prepared from their  
             corresponding ethyl ester according to the procedure of Preparation 26  
             using methanol in place of ethanol.

15            92.    3-(3-{3-[2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
             phenyloxy]propoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid, 10% yield, mp 113-115°C.

             Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{27}FO_5$ :

             Calc: C,    71.22;        H,    6.21;  
             Found:    C,    70.95;        H,    6.42.

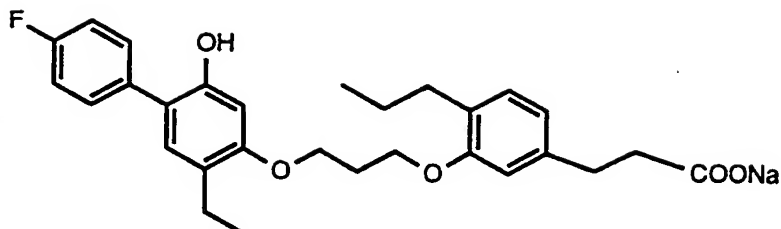


93.    3-(3-{3-[2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
phenyloxy]propoxy}-4-propylphenyl)propanoic acid sodium salt, 23%  
yield.

25            Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{32}FNaO_5$ :

             Calc: C,    69.31;        H,    6.42;  
             Found:    C,    69.35;        H,    6.83.

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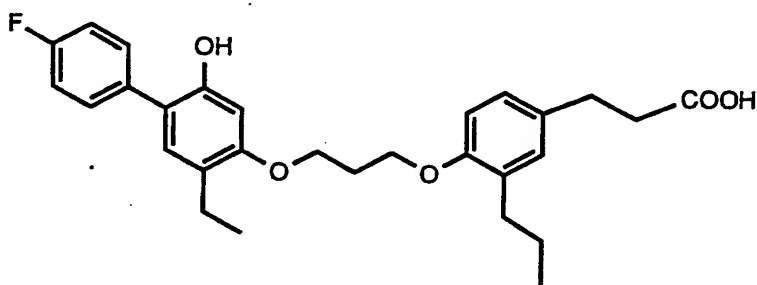


94. 3-(4-{3-[2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
phenyloxy]propoxy}-3-propylphenyl)propanoic acid, 69% yield, mp 118-  
5 120°C.

Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{33}FO_5$ :

Calc: C, 72.48 H, 6.92;

Found: C, 72.20; H, 7.00.



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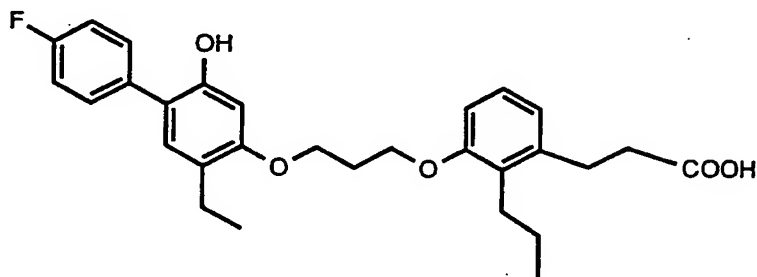
95. 3-(3-{3-[2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-  
phenyloxy]propoxy}-2-propylphenyl)propanoic acid, 56% yield, mp 125-  
127°C.

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Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{33}FO_5$ :

Calc: C, 72.48; H, 6.92;

Found: C, 72.67; H, 7.05.



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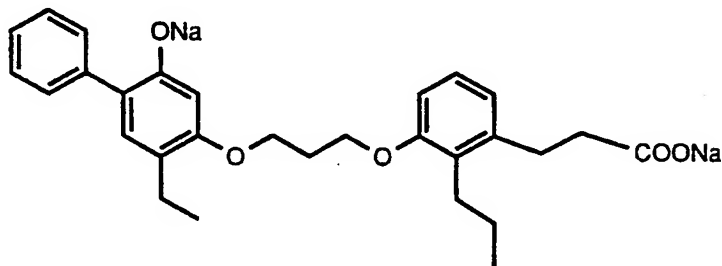
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96. 3-[3-[3-(2-Ethyl-5-hydroxyphenyloxy)propoxy]-2-propylphenyl]propanoic acid disodium salt, 18% yield.

Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{32}Na_2O_5$ :

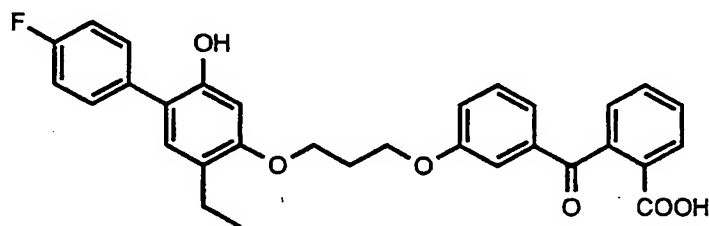
Calc: C, 68.76; H, 6.37;

Found: C, 68.00; H, 6.46.



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2-[3-[3-[2-Ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]-propoxy]benzoyl]benzoic acid disodium salt hemihydrate



The title compound was hydrolyzed from 400 mg of the corresponding methyl ester as described above in Example 60. The acid was converted to the disodium salt and purified as described above for the preparation of Example 59(D) to provide 170 mg (42%) of the title product as a fluffy white solid. NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) 11.85 (s, 1H, -OH), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.11 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.99 (t,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.84 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (q,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.06 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H); MS-FAB  $m/e$  559 (p + Na, 100), 537 (p); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $cm^{-1}$ ) 3450 (br), 3021, 1601, 1370, 1226, 1048.

Analysis for  $C_{31}H_{26}O_6FNa_2 \cdot 0.5 H_2O$ :

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Calc:	C,	65.60;	H,	4.80;
Found:	C,	65.45;	H,	4.76.

The methods of the present invention describe the use of  
5 leukotriene antagonists for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The  
determination of whether a compound has activity as a leukotriene  
antagonist is well known in the art. Such compounds are useful in  
treating any condition, including clinical conditions, which is  
characterized by the excessive release of leukotriene B<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>, D<sub>4</sub>, or E<sub>4</sub>.  
10 These conditions include immediate type hypersensitivity reactions such  
as asthma. The term "excessive release" of a leukotriene refers to an  
amount of the leukotriene sufficient to cause the particular condition  
associated with such amount. The amount of leukotriene which is  
considered to be excessive will depend on a variety of factors, including  
15 the amount of leukotriene required to cause the particular condition,  
and the species of the mammal involved. As will be appreciated by those  
skilled in the art, the success of treating a mammal suffering from or  
susceptible to a condition characterized by an excessive release of  
leukotriene with a compound of Formula I will be measured by the  
20 regression or prevention of the symptoms of the condition.

The effectiveness of compounds of Formula I to inhibit the binding  
of tritiated LTB<sub>4</sub> to guinea pig lung membranes was determined as  
follows.

25 [<sup>3</sup>H]-LTB<sub>4</sub> Radioligand Binding Assay in Guinea Pig Lung Membranes

[<sup>3</sup>H]-LTB<sub>4</sub> (196-200 Ci/mmol) was purchased from New England  
Nuclear (Boston, MA). All other materials were purchased from Sigma  
(St. Louis, MO). Incubations (555 mL) were performed in polypropylene  
30 minitubes for 45 minutes at 30°C and contained 25 mg of guinea pig lung  
membrane protein (Saussy, *et al.*, *Mol. Pharmacol.*, **39**, 72 (1991)) in a  
buffer containing 25 mM MOPS, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 6.5,  
approximately 140 pM [<sup>3</sup>H]-LTB<sub>4</sub>, and displacing ligand or vehicle (0.1%  
DMSO in 1 mM sodium carbonate, final concentration) as appropriate.  
35 The binding reaction was terminated by the addition of 1 mL ice cold  
wash buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5) followed immediately by vacuum

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filtration over Whatman GF/C glass fiber filters using a Brandel (Gaithersburg, MD) 48 place harvester. The filters were washed three times with 1 mL of wash buffer. Retained radioactivity was determined by liquid scintillation counting at 50% counting efficiency using Ready Protein Plus cocktail (Beckman, Fullerton, CA). Nondisplaceable binding was determined in the presence of 1 mM LTB<sub>4</sub> and was usually less than 10% of total binding. Data were analyzed using linear regression analysis of log-logit plots of the values between 10% and 90% of control binding to calculate IC<sub>50</sub>s and slope factors (pseudo-Hill coefficients). IC<sub>50</sub> values thus obtained were corrected for radioligand concentration (Cheng and Prusoff, Biochem. Pharmacol., 22, 3099 (1973)) to calculate K<sub>i</sub> values. The data reported below is the mean -log K<sub>i</sub>, otherwise known as the pK<sub>i</sub>, for n experiments.

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Example No.	pK <sub>i</sub>	n
1	8.52	7
2	8.33	7
3	8.08	3
4	8.44	7
5	9.26	6
6	8.30	4
7	8.87	3
9	8.29	3
9 (cis)	8.44	3
9 (trans)	8.41	3
10	8.05	6
11	7.67	3
13	9.01	7
14	7.52	3
15	8.23	3
16	7.76	3
17	7.27	2
18	6.61	3
19	8.82	3
20	8.64	3
21	7.32	3

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23	8.43	3
25	9.86	3
26	7.86	3
27	8.64	1
28	8.57	1
29	8.71	3
30	6.73	3
31	7.09	3
33	9.59	3
42	8.59	10
43	7.47	5
44	7.41	3
45	7.23	7
46	7.42	7
47	7.79	7
48	7.18	6
49	7.20	6
50	9.07	3
51	9.66	5
52	9.58	5
53	8.81	4
54	8.92	4
55	8.53	3
56	8.03	5
57	7.69	3
58	7.58	2
59	7.29	5
60	10.19	7
61	7.85	3
62	7.24	5
63	7.94	5
64	7.85	2
65	7.91	5
66	8.25	32
67	10.62	1
68	8.46	4
69	7.89	3
70	8.09	3
71	7.77	3
72	8.18	3

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73	7.75	3
74	7.86	2
75	7.79	3
76	7.27	3
77	8.09	3
78	8.02	3
79	7.98	3
80	7.95	3
81	8.87	2
82	7.99	2
83	10.18	3
84	8.20	2
85	9.61	3
86	8.42	4
87	8.02	3
88	8.30	3
89	7.85	3
90	7.68	3
91	9.28	3
92	8.08	6
93	6.99	3
94	7.68	4
95	8.26	3
96	7.60	3
97	7.67	2

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The determination of whether a compound of Formula I is useful in treating Alzheimer's disease may be made by the utilization of several assays which are known in the art. An additional assay which may be  
5 employed involves the use of a transgenic mouse model as described in D. Games, *et al.*, Nature (London), 373:523-527 (1995). The ability of the compounds of Formula I to ameliorate the inflammatory aspects of Alzheimer's disease may be rapidly assessed using this mouse model.

Human clinical trials may also be employed to assess the value of  
10 the compounds of Formula I in treating or preventing some of the neurological damage associated with the inflammatory component of Alzheimer's disease. E. Matsubura, *et al.*, Annals of Neurology, 28:561-567 (1990); L. Altstiel, *et al.*, Dementia, 6:17-20 (1995). Human clinical



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trials may be employed to measure the effects of therapy on cognition and behavior. The design of clinical trials, use of assessment instruments, and interpretation of these results are well known to clinicians in the field.

5       The compounds or formulations of the present invention may be administered by the oral and rectal routes, topically, parenterally, e.g., by injection and by continuous or discontinuous intra-arterial infusion, in the form of, for example, tablets, lozenges, sublingual tablets, sachets, cachets, elixirs, gels, suspensions, aerosols, ointments, for  
10       example, containing from 0.01 to 80% by weight of the active compound in a suitable base, soft and hard gelatin capsules, suppositories, injectable solutions and suspensions in physiologically acceptable media, and sterile packaged powders adsorbed onto a support material for making injectable solutions. Advantageously for this purpose,  
15       compositions may be provided in dosage unit form, preferably each dosage unit containing from about 5 to about 500 mg (from about 5 to 50 mg in the case of parenteral or inhalation administration, and from about 25 to 500 mg in the case of oral or rectal administration) of a compound of Formula I. Dosages from about 0.5 to about 300 mg/kg per  
20       day, preferably 0.5 to 20 mg/kg, of active ingredient may be administered although it will, of course, readily be understood that the amount of the compound or compounds of Formula I actually to be administered will be determined by a physician, in the light of all the relevant  
25       circumstances including the condition to be treated, the choice of compound to be administered and the choice of route of administration and therefore the above preferred dosage range is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention in any way.

      The formulations of the present invention normally will consist of at least one compound of Formula I mixed with a carrier, or diluted by a  
30       carrier, or enclosed or encapsulated by an ingestible carrier in the form of a capsule, sachet, cachet, paper or other container or by a disposable container such as an ampoule. A carrier or diluent may be a solid, semi-solid or liquid material which serves as a vehicle, excipient or medium for the active therapeutic substance. Some examples of the  
35       diluent or carrier which may be employed in the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention are lactose, dextrose, sucrose,

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sorbitol, mannitol, propylene glycol, liquid paraffin, white soft paraffin, kaolin, fumed silicon dioxide, microcrystalline cellulose, calcium silicate, silica, polyvinylpyrrolidone, cetostearyl alcohol, starch, modified starches, gum acacia, calcium phosphate, cocoa butter, ethoxylated esters, oil of theobroma, arachis oil, alginates, tragacanth, gelatin, syrup, methyl cellulose, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate, ethyl lactate, methyl and propyl hydroxybenzoate, sorbitan trioleate, sorbitan sesquileate and oleyl alcohol and propellants such as trichloromonofluoromethane, dichlorodifluoromethane and dichlorotetrafluoroethane. In the case of tablets, a lubricant may be incorporated to prevent sticking and binding of the powdered ingredients in the dies and on the punch of the tableting machine. For such purpose there may be employed for instance aluminum, magnesium or calcium stearates, talc or mineral oil.

Preferred pharmaceutical forms of the present invention are capsules, tablets, suppositories, injectable solutions, creams and ointments. Especially preferred are formulations for inhalation application, such as an aerosol, and for oral ingestion.

While all of the compounds illustrated above exemplify  $\text{LTB}_4$  inhibition activity in vitro, we have also discovered that compounds bearing a single acidic group ( $\text{R}_6$ ) are considerably more orally bioactive when administered to mammals compared with those compounds bearing two such acidic groups. Thus, a preferred embodiment when administering compounds of Formula I orally to mammals comprises administering compounds bearing a single acidic  $\text{R}_6$  functionality.

The following formulation examples may employ as active compounds any of the compounds of this invention. The examples are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention in any way.

#### Formulation Example 1

Hard gelatin capsules are prepared using the following ingredients:

Quantity (mg/capsule)

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	3-(2-(3-(2-Ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxyphenoxy)phenyl)propanoic acid	250
5	Starch	200
	Magnesium stearate	10

The above ingredients are mixed and filled into hard gelatin capsules in 460 mg quantities.

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#### Formulation Example 2

A tablet is prepared using the ingredients below:

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#### Quantity (mg/tablet)

	1-(4-(Carboxymethoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane	250
20	Cellulose, microcrystalline	400
	Silicon dioxide, fumed	10
	Magnesium stearate	5

The components are blended and compressed to form tablets each weighing 665 mg.

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#### Formulation Example 3

An aerosol solution is prepared containing the following components:

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#### Weight %

35	3-[4-[7-Carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid	0.25
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	Ethanol	30.00
	Propellant 11	10.25
	(trichlorofluoromethane)	
	Propellant 12	29.75
5	(Dichlorodifluoromethane)	
	Propellant 114	29.75
	(Dichlorotetrafluoroethane)	

10 The active compound is dissolved in the ethanol and the solution is added to the propellant 11, cooled to -30°C. and transferred to a filling device. The required amount is then fed to a container and further filled with the pre-mixed propellants 12 and 114 by means of the cold-filled method or pressure-filled method. The valve units are then fitted to the container.

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#### Formulation Example 4

Tablets each containing 60 mg of active ingredient are made up as follows:

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	2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-5-hydroxy-4-(4-fluorophenyl)phenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]-benzoic acid sodium salt	60 mg
25	Starch	45 mg
	Microcrystalline cellulose	35 mg
	Polyvinylpyrrolidone	4 mg
	(as 10% solution in water)	
	Sodium carboxymethyl starch	4.5 mg
30	Magnesium stearate	0.5 mg
	Talc	1 mg
	Total	150 mg

35 The active ingredient, starch and cellulose are passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve and mixed thoroughly. The solution of polyvinylpyrrolidone is mixed with the resultant powders which are

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then passed through a No. 14 mesh U.S. sieve. The granules so produced are dried at 50-60° and passed through a No. 18 mesh U.S. sieve. The sodium carboxymethyl starch, magnesium stearate and talc, previously passed through a No. 60 mesh U.S. sieve, are then added to the granules which, after mixing, are compressed on a tablet machine to yield tablets each weighing 150 mg.

#### Formulation Example 5

Capsules each containing 80 mg of medicament are made as follows:

5-[3-[2-(1-Carboxy)ethyl]-4-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid	80 mg
Starch	59 mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	59 mg
Magnesium stearate	2 mg
Total	200 mg

The active ingredient, cellulose, starch and magnesium stearate are blended, passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve, and filled into hard gelatin capsules in 200 mg quantities.

#### Formulation Example 6

Suppositories each containing 225 mg of active ingredient are made as follows:

3-(5-(6-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy)propoxy)-2-carboxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one)propanoic acid	225 mg
Unsaturated or saturated fatty acid glycerides to	2,000 mg

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The active ingredient is passed through a No. 60 mesh U.S. sieve and suspended in the fatty acid glycerides previously melted using the minimum heat necessary. The mixture is then poured into a suppository mold of nominal 2 g capacity and allowed to cool.

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Formulation Example 7

Suspensions each containing 50 mg of medicament per 5 mL dose are made as follows:

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	2-[2-Propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid	50 mg
	Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose	50 mg
15	Sugar	1 g
	Methyl paraben	0.05 mg
	Propyl paraben	0.03 mg
	Flavor	q.v.
	Color	q.v.
20	Purified water to	5 mL

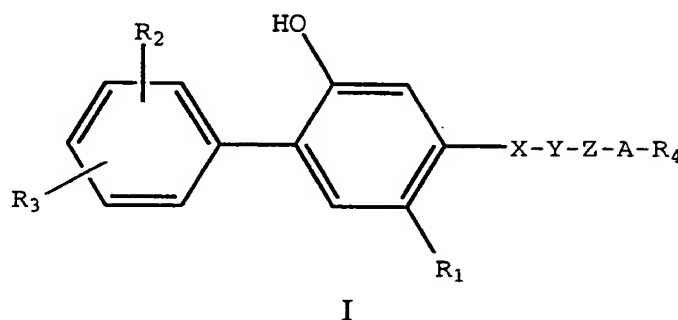
The medicament is passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve and mixed with the sodium carboxymethylcellulose, sugar, and a portion of the water to form a suspension. The parabens, flavor and color are dissolved and diluted with some of the water and added, with stirring. Sufficient water is then added to produce the required volume.

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**What is claimed is:**

1. A method for treating or preventing Alzheimer's  
5 disease in a mammal which comprises administering to a mammal in  
need thereof an effective amount of a compound having activity as a  
leukotriene antagonist.
2. A method as claimed in **Claim 1** employing a  
10 compound having activity as an LTB<sub>4</sub> antagonist.
3. A method as claimed in **Claim 2** employing a  
leukotriene antagonist of the formula

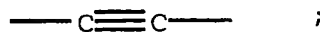


wherein:

- 20 R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)thio, halo, or R<sub>2</sub>-substitutedphenyl;
- each R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are each independently hydrogen, halo,  
hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-S(O)<sub>q</sub>-,  
25 trifluoromethyl, or di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl) amino;
- X is -O-, -S-, -C(=O), or -CH<sub>2</sub>-;
- Y is -O- or -CH<sub>2</sub>-;
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or when taken together, -X-Y- is -CH=CH- or



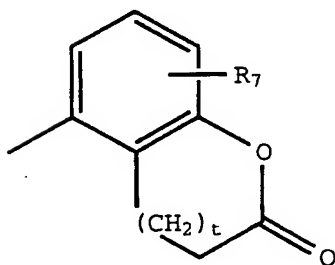
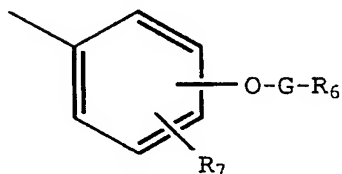
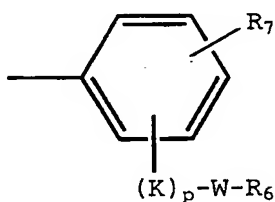
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Z is a straight or branched chain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylidenyl;

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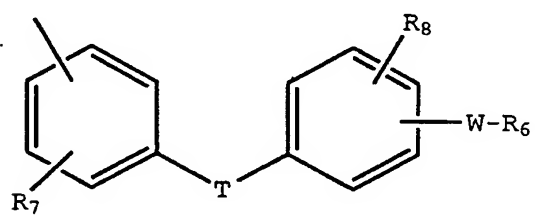
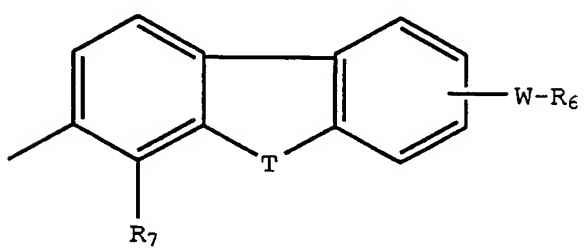
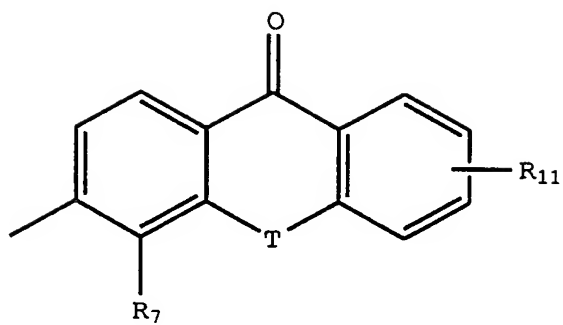
A is a bond, -O-, -S-, -CH=CH-, or CR<sub>a</sub>R<sub>b</sub>-, where R<sub>a</sub> and R<sub>b</sub> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, or R<sub>7</sub>-substituted phenyl, or when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl ring;

R<sub>4</sub> is R<sub>6</sub>,

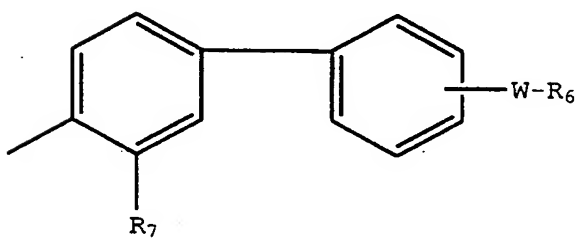




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or



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where,

each R<sub>5</sub> is independently hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

5 each R<sub>6</sub> is independently -COOH, 5-tetrazolyl, -CON(R<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,  
or -CONHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub>;

10 each R<sub>7</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>  
alkynyl, benzyl, methoxy, -W-R<sub>6</sub>, -T-G-R<sub>6</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-T-  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylidenyl)-O-, or hydroxy;

R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen or halo;

15 each R<sub>9</sub> is independently hydrogen, phenyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl,  
or when taken together with the nitrogen atom form a  
morpholino, piperidino, piperazino, or pyrrolidino group;

R<sub>10</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or phenyl;

20 R<sub>11</sub> is R<sub>2</sub>, -W-R<sub>6</sub>, or -T-G-R<sub>6</sub>;

each W is a bond or straight or branched chain divalent  
hydrocarbyl radical of one to eight carbon atoms;

25 each G is a straight or branched chain divalent hydrocarbyl  
radical of one to eight carbon atoms;

30 each T is a bond, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NH-, -NHCO-, -C(=O)-, or  
-S(O)<sub>q</sub>-;

K is -C(=O)- or -CH(OH)-;

each q is independently 0, 1, or 2;

35 p is 0 or 1; and

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t is 0 or 1;

provided when X is -O- or -S-, Y is not -O-;

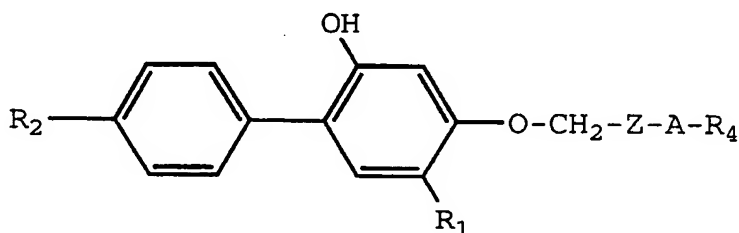
5 provided when A is -O- or -S-, R<sub>4</sub> is not R<sub>6</sub>;

provided when A is -O- or -S- and Z is a bond, Y is not -O-;  
and

10 and provided W is not a bond when p is 0;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

4. A method as claimed in **Claim 3** employing a  
15 leukotriene antagonist of the formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.  
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5. A method as claimed in **Claim 4** employing 2-[2-propyl-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenoxy]benzoic acid or a pharmaceutically  
25 acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

6. A method as claimed in **Claim 4** employing 3-(2-(3-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)propoxy)-6-(4-carboxyphenoxy)phenyl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or  
30 solvate thereof.

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7. A method as claimed in **Claim 4** employing 1-(4-(carboxy-methoxy)phenyl)-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6-(2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy)hexane or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

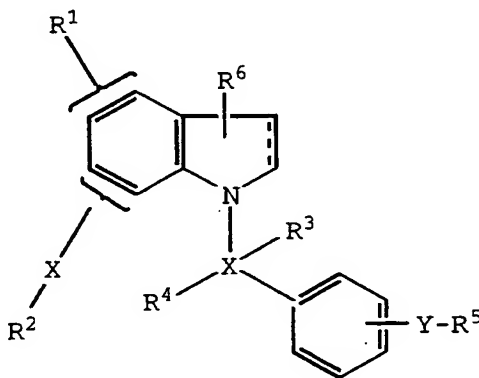
8. A method as claimed in **Claim 4** employing 3-[4-[7-carboxy-9-oxo-3-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]-9H-xanthene]]propanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

9. A method as claimed in **Claim 4** employing 5-[3-[2-(1-carboxy)-ethyl]-4-[3-[2-ethyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxyphenoxy]propoxy]phenyl]-4-pentynoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

10. A method as claimed in **Claim 4** employing 3-[5-[6-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-2-ethylphenoxy]propoxy]-2-carboxymethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one]propanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

11. A method as claimed in **Claim 1** employing a compound having activity as an LTD<sub>4</sub> antagonist.

12. A method as claimed in **Claim 11** employing a LTD<sub>4</sub> antagonist of the formula



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wherein:

the dotted line represents an optional double bond;

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R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitrile, optionally protected carboxy, optionally protected tetrazolyl, trihalomethyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, aldehydo, -CH<sub>2</sub>Z, -CH=CH-Z or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Z, where Z is optionally protected carboxy or optionally protected tetrazolyl;

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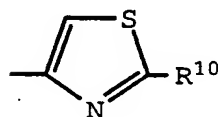
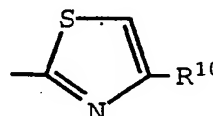
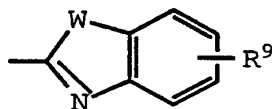
R<sup>2</sup> is halo, nitrile, an optionally protected acid group, tetrazolyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl, or -CONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

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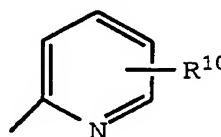
R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted by -CONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> or an optionally protected acid group;

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R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the following four formulae:



or



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where W is -CH=CH-, -CH=N-, -N=CH-, -O- or -S-, R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy or trihalomethyl, and R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl; R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

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each X is independently selected from,  $-O-(CH_2)_n-CR^{11}R^{12}$ -,  $-S-(CH_2)_n-CR^{11}R^{12}$ -,  $-CR^{11}R^{12}$ -,  $-CR^{11}R^{12}-(CH_2)_n-CR^{13}R^{14}$ - or  $-CR^{11}=CR^{12}$ -, where  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are each hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

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n is 0, 1 or 2; and

Y is  $-O-CR^{15}R^{16}$ -,  $-S-CR^{15}R^{16}$ -,  $-CR^{15}=CR^{16}$ - or  $-CR^{15}R^{16}-CR^{17}R^{18}$ - where  $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{17}$  and  $R^{18}$  are each hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. A method as claimed in **Claim 12** wherein the optional double bond is absent.

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14. A method as claimed in **Claim 13** employing a compound wherein the  $R^2$  is an acid group selected from tetrazolyl and carboxy.

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15. A method as claimed in **Claim 13** employing a compound wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are selected from the groups (i), (ii) or (iii) where;

(i)  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, and substituted phenyl;

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(ii)  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are both hydrogen,  $R^3$  is hydrogen and  $R^4$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or optionally substituted phenyl, or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are each  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl; and

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(iii)  $R^3$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl substituted by an acid group and  $R^4$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl.

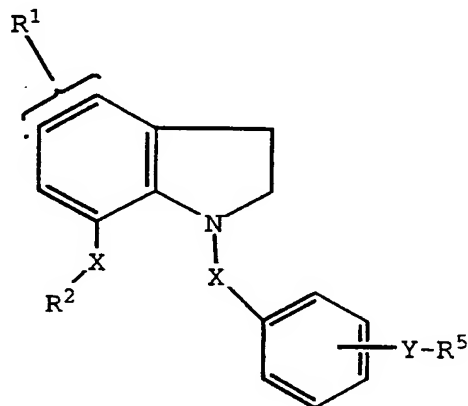
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16. A method as claimed in **Claim 13** employing a compound wherein  $R^6$  is selected from hydrogen and  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, with the proviso that when  $R^6$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl it is attached at the 3-position.

5 17. A method as claimed in **Claim 13** employing a compound wherein X is  $-O-CR^{11}R^{12}$  or  $CR^{11}R^{12}-CR^{13}R^{14}$ , and  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen.

10 18. A method as claimed in **Claim 13** employing a compound wherein linking group Y is  $-O-CR^{15}R^{16}$  or  $-CR^{15}=CR^{16}$ , and  $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{17}$  and  $R^{18}$  are hydrogen.

15 19. A method of treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease in a mammal which comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a leukotriene antagonist of the formula



20 wherein;

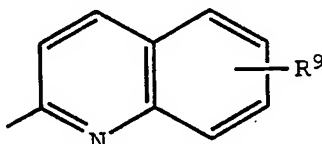
$R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, nitrile, optionally protected carboxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy-carbonyl and trihalomethyl;

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R<sup>2</sup> is tetrazolyl, nitrile, carboxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl or -CONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup> where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

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R<sup>5</sup> is

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where R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy or trihalomethyl;

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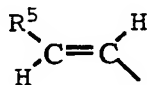
each X is independently selected from a bond, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>- where n is from 1 to 5, -O-CR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>-, -CR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>-CR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>- or -CR<sup>11</sup>=CR<sup>12</sup>- where R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

Y is -O-CR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>- or -CR<sup>15</sup>=CR<sup>16</sup>- where R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> are each hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

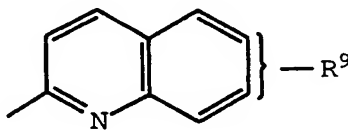
20 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. A method as claimed in **Claim 19** employing a compound wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or halo, R<sup>2</sup>X- is tetrazolyl-CH<sub>2</sub>O- or tetrazolyl-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, and -Y- is

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where R<sup>5</sup> is



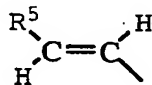
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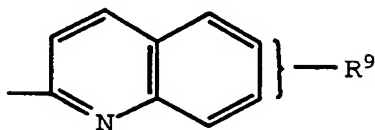
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and R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or halo.

21. A method as claimed in **Claim 19** employing a  
 5 compound wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or halo, R<sup>2</sup>X- is tetrazolyl-CH<sub>2</sub>-  
 and -Y- is

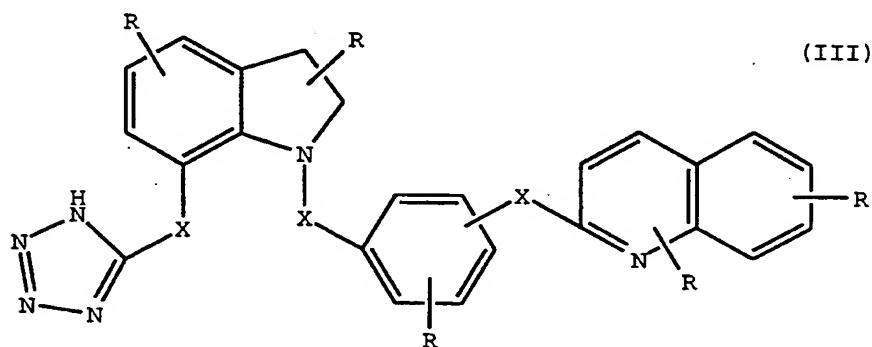


- 10 is where R<sup>5</sup> is



- and R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or halo; the groups R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> being in the 4- or 5-  
 15 positions and 6- or 7-positions, respectively.

22. A method of treating or preventing Alzheimer's  
 disease in a mammal which comprises administering to a mammal  
 in need thereof an effective amount of a leukotriene antagonist of the  
 20 formula



wherein;

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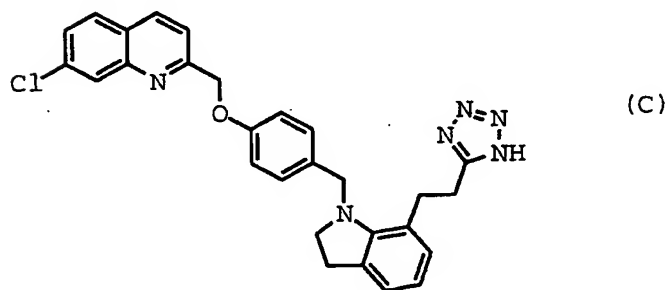
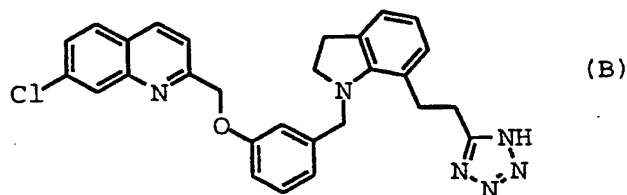
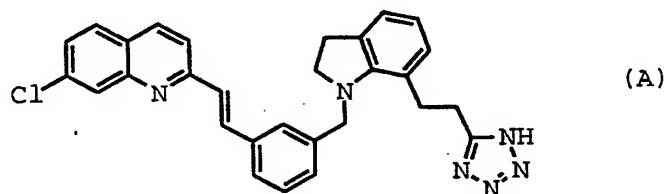
each X is independently selected from  $-O-(CH_2)_n-$ ,  
 $-(CH_2)_n-$ ,  $-S-(CH_2)_n-$ , or  $trans-CH=CH-$ ;  
n is an integer from 0 to 3; and  
R is independently selected from H, halo, and  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

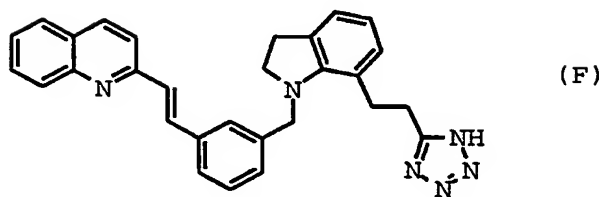
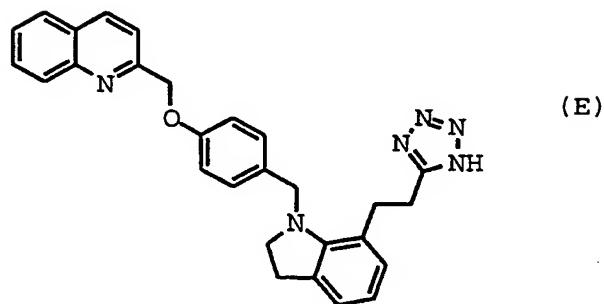
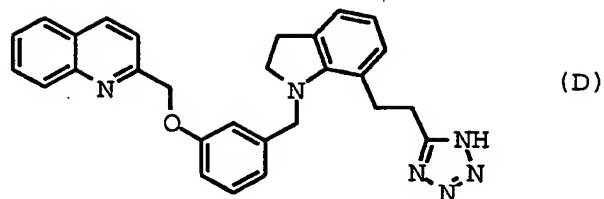
23. A method of treating or preventing Alzheimer's  
disease in a mammal which comprises administering to a mammal  
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selected from the group consisting of compounds and  
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formulae (A) thru (H):

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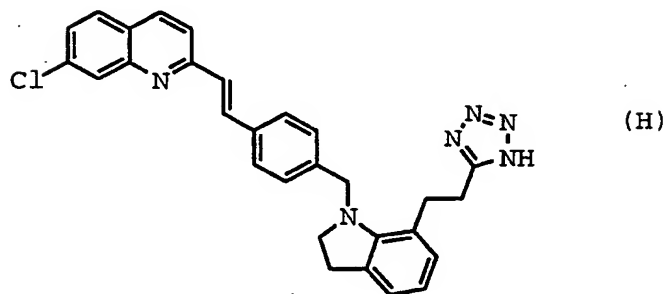
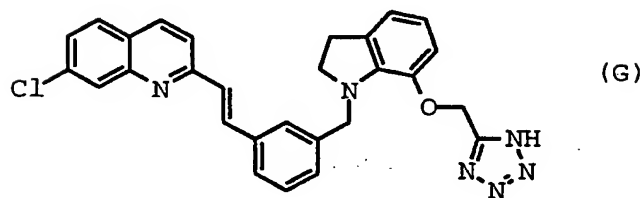


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and mixtures thereof.

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24. A method as claimed in **Claim 11** employing a compound wherein the optional double bond is present.

5 25. A method as claimed in **Claim 24** employing a compound in which R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or halo, R<sup>2</sup> is an acid group, R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>18</sup> are hydrogen, and n is 0, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10 26. A method as claimed in **Claim 25** employing a compound in which:

- (i) R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are both hydrogen;
- 15 (ii) R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, or optionally substituted phenyl;
- (iii) R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; or
- 20 (iv) R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted with an acid group and R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25 27. A method as claimed in **Claim 26** employing a compound in which R<sup>5</sup> is quinol-2-yl and R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen or halo, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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